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 Construction workers pour cement along the upper concourse at Rickenbrode Stadium. The workers are scheduled to pour the bleachers in December.

University must name sex offenders

 By KARA SWINK
 UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

Ex-convicts and sex offenders have been hired at institutions of higher education for years without students' knowledge, but since Congress recently passed a law, names of predators must be attainable by students and faculty.

The Campus Sex Crime Prevention Act took effect Oct. 28 and requires each state to "provide information regarding registered sex offenders to the local law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction where an institution of higher education is located."

The local law enforcement agency is then to share the information with the institution of higher education. The law amended a section of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, and the new requirements are tied to certain types of federal grant funding.

The federal law was enacted Oct. 28, 2000 to provide a way of tracking convicted, registered sex offenders enrolled as students at institutions of higher education, or working or volunteering on campus.

Northwest's Campus Safety is complying with the law and will keep a list of anyone on campus that is a sexual predator.

"Right now, we don't have anyone on campus who is a sexual predator," said Clarence Green, director of Campus Safety. "It's still important for students to know who lives in their community and to know they have the right to obtain that information to see if there is a predator on campus though."

For the last five years, Campus Safety has obtained a list of sexual offenders from the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department for their own benefit. Campus Safety would then share the list with the Department of Human Resources and Student Affairs to see if any University employees or students were registered.

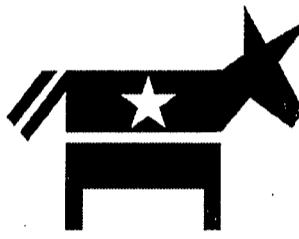
"We always made sure that if we did have people on our list that we knew of their whereabouts and we also set up probation mechanism for those folks," he said. "I think it's something good to have. I think it's something that's very important and it serves a good role for our young people to have access to that information."

Campus Safety collected the information before there was a law to keep a check and balance approach for campus security to "provide a safe, secure environment," Green said.

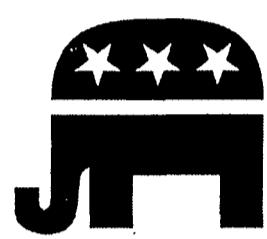
Two years ago, Campus Safety obtained the name of a former Northwest student who was a registered sex offender.

"What we did is have that person check in on a periodic basis," Green said. "We also mandated some counseling for him, assisted him with the program and worked with his probation officer to make sure he maintained his sentence. This assured us that nothing else was going to go on or continue to go on."

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Election Day 2002


 PHOTO BY JAKE ALBANEZ/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
 Cole Houston helps his mother, Dawn Houston, cast her ballot Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church's Agape house. The elections were tightly

contested in both Nodaway County, Missouri and the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. After all votes were counted, the Republicans are in control.

Ad draws questions

Mudslinging ad against attorney Spencer Miller has no apparent buyer

 By ABBY SIMONS
 COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

Last-minute mudslinging against the Republican candidate for Nodaway County Prosecutor has sparked possible litigation after Tuesday's election.

Appearing in the Sunday edition of the *Maryville Daily Forum*, a full-page advertisement accused Republican candidate G. Spencer Miller of having his license suspended, as well as being a "Nodaway County Carpet

Bagger."

According to Miller, who was defeated Tuesday by Democratic incumbent David Baird, the advertisement is not only untrue but also believed to originate from his own political party, not that of his opponent.

"(Baird) said that it was not him or any of his people, and I believe that," Miller said. "I don't think David Baird would do anything dishonorable like this."

Miller said tension between the Republican Party and himself began when he questioned the ethics of Republican Rep. Sam Graves' campaign committee earlier in the election.

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Polk Township tax fails

 By ABBY SIMONS
 COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

Despite a photo-finish election, Nodaway County voters made clear Tuesday that additional taxes must wait for brighter days.

By a slim margin of just more than 300 votes, residents of Polk Township turned down the proposal by the Polk Township Permanent Pavement Committee for a tax increase in order to repair and improve roads on the outskirts of the city.

The plan, which asked Polk Township voters to approve a four-year 30-cent per \$100 assessed valuation property tax increase to fund the construction of permanent surface roads in the area. Roads to be repaired in the four-year plan included Icon, Country Club and Airport roads west of

Maryville, as well as South Hester and South Depot on the east side of the city. Goals of the project included alleviating congested traffic on Main Street while improving access to Nodaway County businesses and facilities, including Donaldson Westside Park and a new Community Center.

Despite his disappointment in the proposal's defeat, Greg Fisher, Polk Township trustee, said the state's budget cuts make the voters' choice understandable.

"It's probably purely finances," Fisher said. "We've tried to put together a straightforward package as we could to voters, and the majority, at least by 322 votes, are not interested in paying additional

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President's Office takes over planning for Centennial Celebration

 By SARAH DITTMANN
 MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Members of the Leadership Forum met Wednesday morning to discuss plans for the Centennial Celebration in 2005.

Plans are in the conception stage right now, but members have decided to concentrate on these areas for the

Celebration: permanent artifacts, such as statues or a centennial plaza; mementos, such as commemorative dishes; publications, such as a 100-year history of the University, a coffee table book featuring archived pictures of the University, or a combination of both; scholarships and/or endowments; events, such as concerts or

speakers; alumni involvement, which might involve alumni meeting with students in their fields; and miscellaneous items.

Tom Vansaghi, vice president of University relations, outlined the plan for the moment.

"The centennial planning is basically now being housed in the

President's Office and we are looking for ideas whether they're events or activities that we can do for the centennial to commemorate Northwest's 100 years," he said. "And we definitely want to hear what those are."

Kelly Pierson, student worker at the President's Office, encouraged stu-

dents to submit their ideas either to her by e-mail or to the President's Office, hinting that there is still plenty of time for student input.

"Nothing is going to be set in stone until probably January when we at least develop our executive committee and get started from there," she said.

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Faculty Senate discussed possible revisions to the Graduate Council's academic honesty policy. Find out more on Missourianonline.com.



This week Julian Kussman answers students' questions about Thanksgiving, computer nerds, cheating and "Vinci." Send your questions to Ask Julian.

The BUZZ

Your Online Entertainment Section
 On Friday, check out a new review of the suspense thriller "The Ring."


 Last week's poll:
 If you had the choice, what campus building would you level?

47%	45%
6%	2%
Wells	North Complex
Fine Arts	

This week's poll:
 What was your favorite part of this year's Homecoming?

Ceremony honors hard work

Variety Show

Highly Competitive Awards

■ 1st - Phi Mu Alpha

Best overall skit

■ Phi Mu Alpha

People's Choice Award

■ Phi Mu Alpha - American

Pride Video Music Awards

Best Actor

■ Harry Caray - Gary Robinett

and Jeremy Meyer, Phi Mu

Alpha

Best Actress

■ Miss America Hostess -

Megan McClain, Phi Mu

Olio Acts

■ 1st - Fat Guys Need Love

Floats

Highly Competitive

■ 1st - Sigma Sigma Sigma

and Phi Sigma Kappa

Competitive

■ 1st - International Student

Fraternity Mini-Float

■ 1st - Alpha Kappa Lambda

Sorority Mini-Float

■ 1st - Phi Mu

Competitive Mini-Float

■ 1st - Tau Phi Upsilon

Overall Best Float

■ Sigma Sigma Sigma and Phi

Sigma Kappa

Overall Best Mini-float

■ Phi Mu

Overall Best Parade

■ Phi Sigma Kappa and Phi Mu

Clowns

Fraternity clowns

■ 1st - Phi Sigma Kappa

Pomped

■ 1st - Phi Sigma Kappa

Costume

■ 1st - Phi Sigma Kappa

Sorority clowns

■ 1st - Phi Mu

Pomped

■ 1st - Alpha Sigma Alpha

Costume

■ 1st - Sigma Kappa

Independent Clowns

Paper mache

■ 1st - RHA

Pomped

■ 1st - Sigma Society

Costume

■ 1st - Sigma Society

Overall Best Clown

■ Competitive - Sigma Society

■ Highly competitive - Phi

Sigma Kappa

Jalopies

■ 1st - RHA

Banner

Highly Competitive

■ 1st - Alpha Sigma Alpha

Competitive

■ 1st - Perrin Hall

Homecoming supremacy

■ Independent - Sigma Society

■ Fraternity - Phi Sigma Kappa

■ Sorority - Alpha Sigma Alpha



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Delta Chi dancers from left, Shaun Rice, Zach McCoppin, Justin Behrends, Zach Edwards, Drew Wurtz and Aaron Switzer perform during the parade.



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Alpha Sigma Alpha member Mary Lenzen accepts the trophy for Homecoming Supremacy from Caroline Gross, secretary of the Homecoming committee. Alpha Sigma Alpha also won first place for banner and sorority clowns.

Students present unique play surrounding scandal

By SHANNON POLASKI

MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Northwest students will take the audience back to the 18th century through various scandals when the play "A School for Scandal" takes the stage at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Mary Linn Auditorium in the Performing Arts Center.

The comedy, "A School for Scandal" was originally produced at Drury Lane Theatre in London, on May 8, 1777, and was written by Richard Brinsley Sheridan.

"This is the kind of play that doesn't get performed very much," Director Mike Morris said. "We just wanted to show the students of Northwest what it was all about."

The play begins when Sir Peter Teazle, a middle aged and wealthy bachelor, played by Jason Daunter, marries a woman from a fashionable society, who is also the daughter of a country squire. Through her marriage, Lady Teazle, played by Rachel Melton, becomes involved with malicious gossip.

The play takes the audience through lies and a love affair because of the gossip Teazle creates. The gossip leads to tension between Teazle and Sir Peter. Teazle eventually has to beg for Sir Peter's mercy with a frank confession surrounding the affair.

Cast Member Chris Battato is excited to be a part of the play.

"It is different and challenging," he said. "The play is set in a different time period, and in a different country. The costumes are completely different. I have never done a play like this."

Morris said he hopes the play fairs well and everyone enjoys it.

"It is always a risk doing something this different," he said.

Tickets are \$5 for students, \$6 for people over 60 and under 18, \$8 for the general public and free to children under 10, and can be purchased at the Student Services desk on the first floor of the Administration Building.



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Left: Chris Battato, who plays Charles Surface, Marty Wolff, who plays Sir Oliver, and Mark Maesen, who plays Careless, practice their lines for the first time on stage Tuesday without the play book lines for the upcoming play, "A School for Scandal."

Area rapper to entertain Northwest

By STEPHANIE SUCKOW

MISSOURIAN REPORTER

TECH N9NE, the rapper from Kansas City, Mo., will make his debut for Northwest students at 8 p.m. Saturday in Charles Johnson Theatre.

TECH N9NE's music is broadcasted throughout Missouri. He has recorded with rappers such as Eminem, Tupac Shakur and Roger Troutman since his start in 1985.

"I am very excited that someone from my hometown has made it big, and they're coming here to show their talents to everyone," said Matt Richardson, freshman education major.

The Northwest International/Intercultural Center and Top 8 at 8 on KZLX are sponsoring the event.

"A lot of the people in Maryville are familiar with his music and I thought that it would be a good opportunity to bring him up here for all people of all races," said Tatianna Johnson, promotions director at KZLX.

Clak and Young "D" the Dangler, two local talents from Omaha, will be opening the show, Johnson said.

Tickets are sold out for the event which is a first time for the Charles Johnson Theatre, Johnson said.

"We sold 150 tickets within the first 15 minutes in which tickets went on sale," Johnson said.

Ticket sales will go to needy families in Maryville for Thanksgiving.

On-campus polling site provides students with political voice

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER

CHIEF REPORTER

As people across the country headed to the polls to cast their votes in their respective states, Student Senate tried to do their part by offering a polling place on campus.

The Wesley Center was this year's site for students living on campus, but one month ago it was uncertain if there would be a polling place.

From 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., students had the opportunity to exercise their right to vote. According to Freshman Representative Chase Cornett, who worked at the polling place, 71 students voted. Cornett said 383 students were registered to vote on-campus.

Cornett, along with Lizzi Sexton, sargent of arms, both represented the Senate at the Wesley Center.

Cornett said the turnout was a little disappointing but he was happy to help out.

"There were a lot of people on campus that could have walked over

and exercised the right to vote but they didn't," Cornett said. "It was nice to be part of a national event and if the polling place would be moved to the Union, that would help a lot, especially for the presidential election."

There is a possibility of the presidential election could be in the Union.

Jen Seaman, governmental affairs leader, said she did not expect the low number of voters.

"It's not what I expected but part of that was the people that were in our book as being on campus had moved off campus," Seaman said. "They just need to officially change their address so we know how many people will be voting."

Ryan Bauer, on-campus representative, said he hopes the turnout will improve.

"We did voting registration earlier and hopefully the students will respond because it's important for the state legislators to see part of the constituents," Bauer said.

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Clinic specializes in rest, relaxation

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
CHIEF REPORTER

The scent of aromatherapy oils, the sound of relaxing music, soothing vibrations working on the body and the tingling feeling on the feet are all things that could arguably be experienced in the heavens.

However, a little closer to home, the same experience can be had at Positive Steps Foot Reflexology.

Located at 2416 S. Main Street, the big brick building can be easily missed, as it is dug deep inside of trees and other tall buildings.

The building is home of the Comprehensive Family Healthcare of Northwest Missouri, and includes other medical professionals. There is one pediatrician, one nurse practitioner, three counselors and one reflexologist.

Karen Lucke came home to northwest Missouri after working in Kirksville. Lucke has only been in Maryville for one month and she also works in St. Joseph twice a week.

As a reflexologist, Lucke only works on hands, feet and from the neck up.

The difference between a reflexologist and a masseuse is a masseuse works more on muscles and reflexologists work on points that go to the internal organs, Lucke said.

"We hit the pressure points on the head, feet, hands and make changes in the body," Lucke said. "We also work on improving relaxation, circulation and normalizing body pressure, blood pressure, blood sugar levels and help them get to normal."

When a person first goes into Lucke's office, they are greeted by the scent of oils and a \$2,200 Berkliner recliner. Once Lucke sits her client into the chair, she immediately presses a button that causes the chair to recline completely.

"It's a vibrating chair and it's the latest technology and it automatically reclines you," Lucke said. "This requires

zero stress and you're in the same position as an astronaut would be when they're ready to take off. The least amount of gravity is required and a lot of people go to sleep because this is the ideal place to sleep."

Aromatherapy is also an element in Lucke's session. She said the scents in the air is what puts the person to sleep.

An average session is one hour, but there are also one-half hour sessions available. Lucke said children and the elderly only require one-half hour.

Prices range from \$25-\$30 and during the month of November, the first session is half price.

Lucke said people aren't aware of her office.

"Obviously, not many people know about reflexology because there aren't a lot of schools in the area that teach it so there aren't many reflexologists

around," Lucke said. "We're trying to get people to come out and actually try it because I have a lot of people that come here because it feels good and because it's their time to pamper themselves."

Lucke said she hasn't advertised locally, but she goes to health fairs around the area to give free five-minute samples.

Lucke once had an interesting experience in St. Joseph.

"There was a 10-year-old boy that came to the medical fair and he got a free five-minute massage," Lucke said. "When he was done, he said, 'I want to marry a reflexologist.'"

Lucke usually stays late on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays when she's in Maryville. She said she gets a lot of business after 5 p.m.

Lucke said she likes what she does.

"I like seeing people make positive changes in their health and I like to see them relaxed and feel better," Lucke said.

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Unknown Wonders of Nodaway County

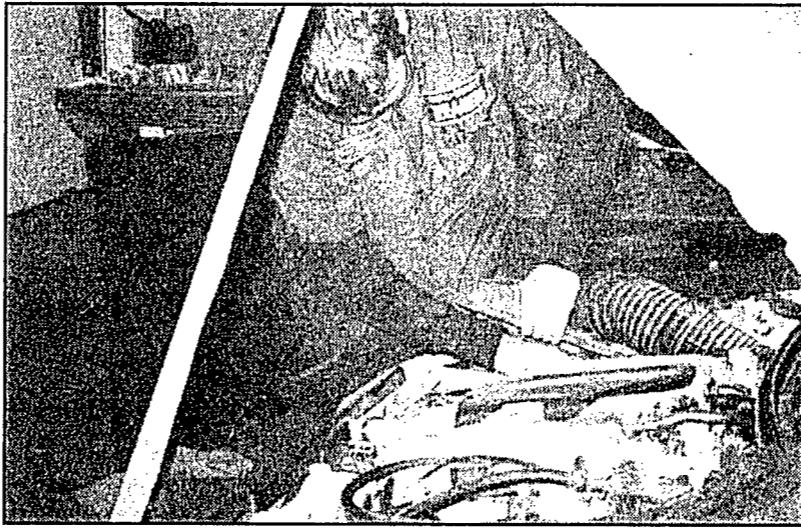


PHOTO BY RIKKI CASON/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER
Mike Driskell services a car at Wal-Mart's auto department. Regular maintenance checks are especially important in the upcoming winter months.

Lower temperatures take toll on automobiles

By MARLISA CARRILLO
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

To prepare for frigid days ahead, not only do people require battle gear against the elements, so do vehicles.

In addition to regular maintenance, winter car care keeps drivers ahead of the game when adverse weather threatens safety and travel.

All seasons warrant routine car upkeep such as oil changes, battery and tire care, fluid level checks, and belt and hose performance. In winter, these precautions take higher importance due to intense conditions.

According to Tom Wilmes, owner of Wilmes Tire in Maryville, the first step means making sure the car is running properly to begin with. The biggest problem Wilmes usually encounters when customers bring in cars is a lack of attention to antifreeze. Making sure all fluids are topped off, especially antifreeze, protects the vehicle from damage in the dropping temperatures. A second problem with potential for hazard: poor tires with low pressure and/or worn tread.

"A lot of people don't check and when they get so low, they start leaking around the seal, (the tire) can go flat," Wilmes said.

All-season tires with tread patterns optimal for ice and snow can prevent accidents as well. Automotive businesses sell an array of all-season radial tires. In addition to tires, area auto supply centers order and stock shelves with winter-worthy wiper blades, antifreeze testers and coolant, winter formulated windshield wash, gas line antifreeze, ice scrapers and batteries. Shawn Shockley, Wal-Mart Tire and Lube Express department manager, said another thing to remember is to keep lower weight oil in a vehicle during winter.

A healthy battery with clean connections can also prevent drivers from spending time on the highway shoulder, in a store parking lot, or even the driveway from the car's failure to start. If the unwelcome opportunity arises, a properly assembled winter survival kit for the car may lessen the situation's severity.

In one of many weekly columns she writes, Karma Metzgar, regional director of University Outreach and Extension, discussed essentials for creating a survival kit. Items to include are warm blankets, bottled water, non-perishable food, flashlights, single-use hand warmers and a cell phone for emergency calls. Metzgar said these and other items create the basic kit to keep dangerous situations at a safer level.

"One thing I always say is, if you're prepared, you won't need it," Metzgar said.

Rainy flurries have only teased so far, but the calendar shows winter is here, with snow right around the corner. With proper care and attention to winterize one's vehicle, the potential for cold weather catastrophes hits the road.

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Annual Veterans' Day observance to take place at courthouse

By ABBY SIMONS
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Celebrating the honor of those who fought and those who died, Nodaway County Veterans' organizations will come together Monday in observance of Veterans' Day.

Sponsored by the American Legion Post 100, VFW Post 442 and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 100, the service will take place at 11 a.m. Monday at the Veterans Memorials on the Nodaway County Courthouse lawn.

The annual observance will feature a speaker, Maryville resident Montgomery Wilson, a retired 4th District Judicial

Circuit Judge and World War II veteran. Wilson, who served as a radio operator in the Army Air Corps from 1943-1946, will speak about patriotism, as well as a personal salute to veterans. Wilson said the salute is that of appreciation for America's veterans, an appreciation he has felt since serving his country nearly 60 years ago.

"I guess the fact that I spent three years of my young life in military service has made me see what other military people go through, and what they do to be successful in their efforts," Wilson said.

The ceremony will also feature patriotic musical pieces by the

Maryville High School band and a memorial wreath placement by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 100 members Ellen Wohlford and Georgia Sheridan. The Rev. Lee Yates of the First Christian Church of Maryville will perform the invocation. The Northwest ROTC will man color guard. After speakers and performances, the ceremony will end with a firing squad salute by veterans' organizations, followed by taps played by MHS band members Cathy George and Kylee Smith.

Maryville resident Leon Miller, past commander of American Legion

Post 100, will serve as master of ceremonies for the event. Also a World War II veteran after having served as an Army major in European combat, Miller has been involved with the ceremony for more than 20 years and estimates annual participation to number around 200 people. Miller estimated an even higher number might be reached due to the program being broadcast live on KNIM radio of Maryville.

"We have a feeling we reach quite a few people with this," Miller said. "And we should do it this year because there's a lot of patriotism going on."

City recognized statewide for community betterment

By SARAH SWEDBERG
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Through the efforts of many community volunteers, the city of Maryville was recognized statewide Oct. 28.

The 39th Annual Missouri Community Betterment Conference took place Oct. 27-29 at the Holiday Inn Select in Columbia.

The city placed fourth in Category VIII of the 2002 Missouri Community Betterment Award. The youth of Maryville took second. Teri Harr of Maryville placed in the Top 10 for adult leadership and Mike Barnett of Maryville placed in the Top 10 for youth leadership.

Awards were based upon projects each community developed, planned and executed. The Maryville Citizens for Community Action organization nominated individuals for the leadership awards.

"All those projects are what their (MCBA judges) judging is based upon," said Lisa Luke, chairperson for Maryville to the Missouri Community Betterment Awards. "That is how they determine it: by our visioning, assessments, goal setting and planning and how we execute our plans."

Luke said the judges look at all of those factors in all of the projects and then they award each community based upon the criteria.

MCCA volunteers came together to work on each entry and then entered them into the contest in August 2002. This year Maryville combined their projects into a Project Report Book, which they sent to the Missouri Community Betterment Office, a branch of Missouri's Department of Economic Development.

After the Project Report Book was sent, two judges came to Maryville to evaluate on Sept. 18.

"While the judges were here, the judging was based upon our enthusiasm, accomplishments, community development process and community development environment," Luke said.

The judges not only received a tour of the city, but the youth presented their projects.

Maryville Middle School's top two community service projects were the Nodaway County Senior Center and Meals on Wheels. St. Gregory's School top two projects were Public Achievement and Meals on Wheels. Maryville High School's top project was the benefit fundraiser to help raise money for Raegan Sticken's pulmonary surgery. Northwest's top two projects were the Volunteer Service Center and BRUSH (Beautifying Residence Using Student Help). However, these four groups of students and the many community service activities they completed were combined together and awarded for their efforts.

Rep. Rex Barnett awarded these students their second place Missouri Community Betterment plaque Tuesday.

The 2002-03 Maryville Middle School Student Council officers said they think their efforts paid off in being awarded for all of their hard work.

"We worked together with the school and the community of Maryville," said Whitney Kinman, Maryville Middle School Student Council officer.

Dave McLaughlin, associate professor of political science, said the Maryville community does a good job of making sure citizens have a high quality of life.

"I think it is good for the state of Missouri to focus on communities that are proud of what they have done to better themselves," McLaughlin said.

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The Fire This Time

Innocent people hurt by diamonds

Last fall, two beautiful, smiling young women stood on stage during a presentation at Mary Linn Auditorium. Rebel groups in their country, Sierra Leone, had mutilated both of them as children.

This is where you come in: the ring on your finger, or the one you gave your fiancé, may have paid the men who hacked off their arms with machetes.

The speaker that night, who spoke to a nearly empty auditorium, adopted the two girls after one of his trips to Africa with his faith-based human rights organization, Feed My Lambs International. As he pointed out, Sierra Leone, one of the poorest nations in the world, is also one of the biggest diamond exporters in the world.

They're known as "blood diamonds" or "conflict diamonds."

In Sierra Leone's case, that blood and conflict takes the form of the Revolutionary United Front (RUF) raping women, murdering men and mutilating babies. Sometimes, after chopping off victims' arms, the RUF likes to crush their legs and then put a burning tire around their torsos. Or, to save themselves some trouble, they simply fill kidnapped children full of drugs and force them to maim and torture their friends and families.

They are funded by the sale of diamonds to rich countries like the United States, which consumes 65 percent of the world's diamonds. Groups in Angola, Liberia and the Democratic Republic of Congo operate in the same inhumane manner—and they're paid handsomely for it.

In fact, the RUF has reportedly made as much as \$200 million in a single year from the diamond trade. As Abu Brima, from the Just Mining Campaign, put it: "Diamonds are the currency of choice for Africa's warlords."

Over the past decade, 6.5 million people have been driven from their homes because of war over control of the diamond trade, and more than 3.7 million have been killed.

In 2000, representatives of 38 nations, various human rights activists, and a group of leaders in the diamond industry all met in Kimberley, South Africa. Their goal was to end the slaughter by ensuring that all diamonds are part of a comprehensive, monitored system that would remove all conflict gems from the trade.

Unfortunately, as *The Washington Post* and others reported, the United States "stalled, criticized and equivocated throughout negotiations," and then refused to endorse or cooperate with the group's proposal, which is to begin in January of next year.

Without serious initial backing from the United States, diamond traders largely neglected to take self-regulating action, forcing nations to take legislative action to make any significant difference.

Last November, the House of Representatives passed the Clean Diamond Trade Act, but only after it had been extremely watered down by the Bush administration. Now the legislation, which is tailored to the corporate-slanted World Trade Organization, ensures that conflict diamond offenders will not be named publicly and that the president will only act against offending countries of his choosing.

The Senate version of the Clean Diamond Trade Act has yet to reach a vote, despite being introduced last year and again, in a strengthened version, this March.

In the past few weeks, *The Observer* of London and *The Washington Post* have released reports detailing that Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda, whose connections to the diamond trade have long been known, made deals involving \$20 million in the months before the Sept. 11 attacks.

The only way we can force governments and traders both to end the trade of blood-covered diamonds is to put pressure on them. If diamond-related slaughter in Africa was not enough to garner much public attention in the United States, perhaps knowing about diamond-related terrorist attacks closer to home will wake people up to the true cost of their precious jewelry.

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Northwest Missourian BackTalk

"I'm just commenting on the Stroller's comments about KZLX. I think the Stroller hit a few important points. I just wanted to say that. I just wanted to say some people around here want to try to figure out who the Stroller is but me personally, I don't care. You know, they're gonna write what they write. So, peace out."

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Our View

Mud fight

Dirty political practices shock newspaper as it gets caught in crossfire of smear campaign

As the mud flew from one candidate to another in this year's election run, more than just politicians were feeling dirty when the race was finished.

As a campus and community newspaper, *The Northwest Missourian* actively covered the elections, following candidates and informing voters of the issues. While some candidates chose to inappropriately attack their opponents, we as a paper continued to strive for balance and fairness when reporting on the races.

Which is why it came as a surprise to *The Northwest Missourian* to see a full-page advertisement against G. Spencer Miller in another paper using a *Missourian* photograph and quoted material.

The photo of Miller ran on the front page of *The Missourian*, along with other local candidates Oct. 31. Three days later the same photo was found enlarged in a controversial and potentially libelous advertisement.

Despite efforts to remain neutral in election coverage we found ourselves asking

questions while we tried to wipe away the political mud smeared on us. We had just been tossed headfirst into the ring of one of the most sneaky political bouts in recent years.

When a former editor in chief of *The Missourian* requested a copy of Miller's photograph and also a letter to the editor, it was given with an understanding of mutual respect and responsible behavior. One of the fundamental aspects of this publication is the beneficial network achieved through hours of work between students and now the integrity of that system has been put in question.

A professional relationship is attained and usually kept between *Missourian* alumni and current newspaper students.

As the staff looks toward alumni for guidance in learning journalism techniques, we also look for examples in ethical behavior.

The message sent by the people associated with the production of the Miller advertisement is one of blatant disrespect for *The Missourian* and its readers.

Apparently in times of political cut-throat, burning bridges is done without a thought of the repercussions. Not only was *The Missourian* disregarded in a professional sense but also as voters in this election.

As an active voice on campus, students look to *The Missourian* for information, including developments that could effect voting decisions.

We condemn the actions taken by the people responsible for the advertisement not only for the cheap political shot but also for compromising the credibility of this newspaper.

Permission to use *Missourian* material in such a vicious fashion was not given to any party and never would be.

We support political opposition and democratic debate in community and national elections. Mud slinging and potshot advertisement is unacceptable.

Just as the community expects responsible coverage from this newspaper we expect responsible campaigning from politicians.

Your View

Would you buy *CatTrax* and why?

"I'm not sure because I have a phone already, but I might at least look into it and see what kind of a deal they are offering."

Dan Bahrenburg
ADVERTISING MAJOR

"No, I already have a cell phone that would be cheaper than what they are offering."

Derick Blankenship
SPEECH-THEATER, EDUCATION MAJOR

"I already have a cell phone, but if it's a good deal and has better features, I might switch over."

Angie Bramlage
ADVERTISING MAJOR

"Probably not because I have no money."

Josh Ferguson
COMPUTER SCIENCE MAJOR

"Maybe, but people might not use it if they don't have enough knowledge about it. If the idea is promoted enough, then it might be successful."

Carrie Johnson
PUBLIC RELATIONS MAJOR

"I guess. I'm a Bearcat fan."

Sandra Lamas
ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS MAJOR

Letter to the Editor

Ministry Center Board member commends effort of local hospital

On behalf of the Ministry Center Food Pantry, I would like to share an interesting challenge that was proposed to us by the employees of St. Francis Hospital and Health Care.

A letter came to us from Martha Archer, Administrative Council liaison, early in September. She let us know that her colleagues were happy to help the Food Pantry, but felt a monetary contribution might be more beneficial.

Their Mission Awareness Team now sponsors a \$1 contribution for casual day each biweekly payday. Employees make their contribution and receive a name tag to wear that signifies their participation in the program. The Mission Awareness Team has designated the first payday of each month as Food Pantry Contribution Day. They receive an average of \$80 per payday, so the Food Pantry can expect a minimum of \$160 contribution every two months from this team.

Martha added that employees of St. Francis Hospital and Health Services appreciate what we do for the community and hope their contribution will

aid in the mission that it has. She added that the purpose of the Mission Awareness Teams is "to extend and create an awareness of our mission in the hospital and community and to demonstrate the healing presence of God in all they do."

As a member of the Ministry Center Board, I first thank and commend the employees of St. Francis Hospital and Health Services, and at the same time, would like to challenge other area businesses to do the same.

Just think of the possibilities.

If all the businesses in our area could make a similar commitment of giving \$1 per employee, even just once a month to help the Ministry Center function in our community, that would be a tremendous help that would then assist more needy families.

We would reach one of our goals of purchasing the building that we now occupy instead of paying rent.

By renting this building, this does not give us the advantages of the equity of the property. If we owned the property, we could use the

funds that we now pay out in rent to better serve the people who need assistance.

The members of the Ministry Center Board asked if I would write this letter and send it to all area newspapers as a challenge plea to all of the area business men and women to think about adopting a similar plan of action for our mission to the people of this community who need our help so desperately.

In closing, I would like to thank all those who help the Ministry Center, whether it is through volunteer help, monetary help or giving food items during food drives at your place of worship, business, school or service organization.

Without your help, we would not begin to serve the 300+ people a month, who come through our doors for help and support in their time of need.

May God continue to bless you and the ministry before us.

LIZ MANDRICK
MINISTRY CENTER BOARD MEMBER

Letter to the Editor

Manager addresses Stroller's comments

I, Dustin Wasson, as general manager of KZLX-LP, want to thank the Stroller for his constructive criticism. Such criticism can always be used for positive outcomes. In addition, I would like to personally thank the Stroller for being a part of the KZLX-LP listening audience.

DUSTIN WASSON
KZLX GENERAL MANAGER

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Calendar of Events

Thu. 7th ■ Faculty-Phone-a-Thon
 ■ GED, 7:50 a.m., Wells Hall
 ■ New Nodaway Humane Society Sandwich and Salad Luncheon, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., First Christian Church
 ■ Wings Support Group, 11:30 a.m., 6 p.m., Children and Family Center
 ■ Family T.I.E.S. Parenting Information Series, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Northwest Technical School
 ■ Collegiate Farm Bureau discussion meeting, 7:30 p.m., Valk 127

Fri. 8th ■ Faculty-Phone-a-Thon
 ■ GED, 7:50 a.m., Wells Hall
 ■ Friday Night Café, 5 p.m., third floor of the Administration Building
 ■ Chinese Moon Festival, 7 p.m., Conference Center
 ■ Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., Conception Abbey
 ■ Psi Chi applications due

Sat. 9th ■ GRE Subject Test, 8 a.m., third floor Colden
 ■ Computer Services maintenance

Sun. 10th ■ First Presbyterian Church 134th Anniversary
 ■ International Student Dinner, 5:30 p.m., First Baptist Church

Mon. 11th ■ Veterans Day
 ■ Alcoholics Anonymous, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church
 ■ Racela Foundation photographic collection opens, 7 p.m., reception in DeLuce Fine Arts Gallery
 ■ IM Battle of The Beef, entries close at noon
 ■ IM Co-Rec Towerball, entries close at noon

Tue. 12th ■ Small Farmer Short Course, 6:30-9:30 p.m., St. Joseph
 ■ Lion Tamers Anonymous, 7 p.m., Laura Street Baptist Church
 ■ IM Battle of The Beef begins

Wed. 13th ■ IM Co-Rec Towerball meeting, 4 p.m.
 ■ Alcoholics Anonymous, 6 p.m., Margaret Davison Square
 ■ Nodaway County Outreach and Extension Council meeting, 7:30 p.m., Courthouse Annex

Thurs. 14th ■ Theater: "School for Scandal," 7:30 p.m., Performing Arts Center
 ■ Wings Support Group, 11:30 a.m., 6 p.m., Children and Family Center
 ■ Family T.I.E.S. Parenting Information Series, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Northwest Technical School
 ■ Small Farmer Short Course, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Plattsburg

News in Brief

Admissions gains new University recruiters

Northwest's Office of Admissions has named new recruiters to the University. Mike Thomson, Monty Williams, Stefanie Martin, Carrie Murr and Brett Lind have been hired as the new assistant directors of admissions to help fill the void left by Jesse Haynes, Theresa Melnick and Nicole Porterfield.

Jeremy Waldeier was promoted to associate director of admissions in the process and said the new staff will add to the experience of the current admissions representatives.

"When you have a new staff there are a lot of ideas you can incorporate that are new in terms of recruitment," Waldeier said. "They have fresh and inventive ideas."

Thomson, Williams, Murr and Lind will utilize Northwest experiences

since each are graduates of the University.

The recruiters are on the road trying to give Northwest name-brand recognition throughout their territories in northern Missouri, Kansas City, St. Louis, southwest Missouri and Iowa.

The target marketing is important during a time when two-year colleges and the economy are posing stiff competition, said Bev Schenkel Dean of Enrollment Management. Targeting younger students, especially through the use of the Student Trained Advocates for Recruiting Programs, is designed to help overcome obstacles.

"We want to do some long-term influences activities," she said. "We want to work with the younger market, mainly sophomores and juniors, making them aware of Northwest and not just with seniors as we have in the past."

Red, white and Phi Mu

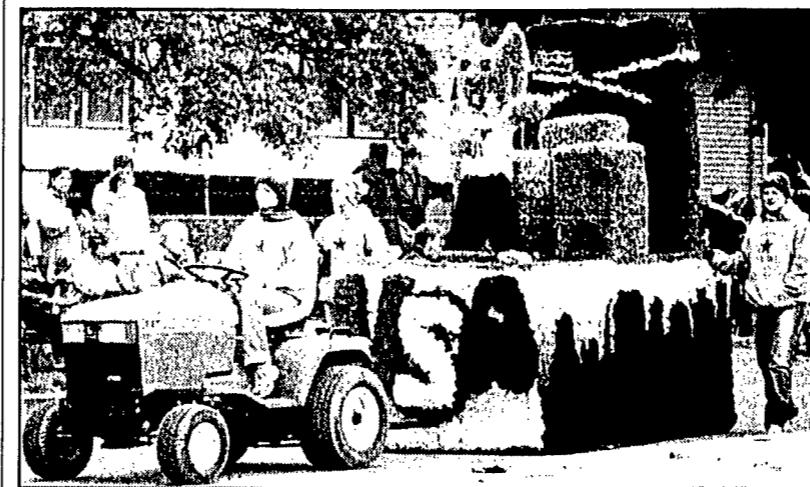


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 Women of the Phi Mu sorority display their miniature float in Saturday's Homecoming parade. The float depicting American pride was declared the first place mini-float in the sorority division.

Northwest's Tri-Sigma receives national award

For the second consecutive year, Northwest's chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority has been honored on a national level.

The chapter was recently presented with the Chapter Excellence Award, which is based upon criteria such as new member orientation, community service, alumnae relations and chapter finance. The second national award was the National Standard of Efficiency Award that is given to recognize outstanding chapter communication with the national office.

The awards were presented at the sorority's 75th anniversary celebration Sept. 21.

"We, as a chapter, know that this is a very honorable accomplishment since there have been very few Sigma Sigma Sigma chapters in the past 150 years that have won two of the top national awards," said chapter president, Tiffany Barmann.

Along with receiving the two top national awards, the chapter also received three additional national awards that were co-presented to four other chapters. Those awards were recruitment program, recognition, new member orientation program recognition and national Panhellenic recognition.

"These awards mean so much to our chapter," Barmann said. "It's not what drives us toward success, but it is nice we are recognized for all of our hard work."

Missouri Western sponsors traditional tailgate party

Northwest football fans are invited to a traditional tailgate party hosted by Northwest's St. Joseph and Friends Alumni Chapter at 10 a.m. Saturday, when Northwest visits Missouri Western State College.

Kay Medsker, president of the alumni chapter, said fans can bring their own grills and food to the

parking lot of the Northwest Missouri Regional Department of Conservation Office located off Faraon Street at 701 NE College Drive, on the northeast side of the Missouri Western campus.

Entertainment will be provided. Kickoff is at 1 p.m. at Spratt Memorial Stadium. For more information, e-mail Medsker at kmmedsker@ccp.com or call Northwest's Office of Alumni Relations at 562-1248.

Basketball clinics accept youth registration forms

Registration is now being accepted at the Parks and Recreation office for the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grade Boys' and Girls' Basketball Instruction Clinics. The clinics are sponsored jointly by the Parks and Recreation Department and the Maryville R-II School District.

The clinics will begin Saturday and will include group and individual instruction on basketball fundamentals and skills, finishing with games.

Register at the Park Office, upper level of City Hall, 415 N. Market St., by Monday. The fee is \$15, which includes: T-Shirt for all participants. For more information, call the Maryville Parks and Recreation Department at 562-2923.

Popcorn sales continue for Boy Scout fundraiser

Local Cub, Boy and Venture Scouts recently began their annual fall Trail's End Gourmet Popcorn sale to generate money for the "Ideal Year in Scouting," which includes equipment, uniforms, camp fees, "Boyslife," registration fees and other elements of the program.

The fall door to door sales run through Sunday, Nov. 24. Seven items are available through the sale, including a 2.5 lb. bucket of popcorn kernels, a Caramel Corn with Peanuts collective tin, butter and butter light flavored 12 pack microwave popcorn, a 28 oz. Gour-

met Caramel Corn with Almonds and Pecans, 24 oz. Chocolate Caramel Crunch, a popcorn variety tin, and a 24 pack assortment.

Approximately 70 percent of every sale of popcorn stays within the local area to support the scouting program.

Each sale helps the community's Scouts earn money and prizes for themselves and their packs or troops, and a smaller portion of the sale price also helps to support services of the Pony Express Council.

"This popcorn sale is a very important part of the Scouting year for our packs, troops and crews," said Rick Reeve, Popcorn Sale Staff Advisor. "Certainly the money it raises is critical to the unit's operation as they purchase badges and awards, since the popcorn sale is the only fundraiser that most units do every year. But, more important is the lesson that this sale teaches to our young men."

Those who have not been contacted to help support scouting may call local Scout leaders or contact the Pony Express Council at (816) 233-1351 to place an order.

Hypnotist returns for night of entertainment

Hypnotist Michael Anthony will perform for Northwest and the Maryville community at 7 p.m. Monday in Charles Johnson Theatre.

Anthony is recognized as one of the most successful stage hypnotists in the world and has hypnotized over 15,000 people worldwide. His show is an avant-garde blend of the human psyche eye-popping theatre. Anthony has filled theaters throughout the United States and internationally and continues to be one of the most sought after hypnotists in the world.

The District was able to offer the waste tire collection to residents through a grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR).

Each year, the MDNR allots the District \$45,000 for activities geared towards recycling and waste reduction. Additional recycling information and collections can be accessed by visiting the Waste Information Network (WIN) at www.wasteinfo.org.

Honor society to present program about diabetes

To recognize National Diabetes Awareness Month, Cardinal Key National Honor Society is presenting "Our Story: Living with Diabetes," at 6 p.m. Nov. 21 in the Student Union Ballroom.

Featured speakers include Kerry Baldwin and Dixie and Phillip McGary. Baldwin was diagnosed with diabetes 15 years ago at age 10. She attended Northwest from 1995 to 1999. Phillip was just diagnosed with diabetes in September. They will address their experiences of coping with juvenile diabetes.

The event is free, but donations will be accepted for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. For more information, contact Adam Keneisel, Cardinal Key president by e-mail at s204260.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Oct. 30

■ An officer served two Andrew County warrants on Barbara D. Heinrichs, 47, Pickering. She was transported to Andrew County in lieu of bond.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that she had been assaulted in the 900 block of East Second. Theresa L. Cummins, 40, Maryville, was issued a summons for domestic assault. She was released after posting bond.

Oct. 31

■ While on patrol in the 700 block of East Fifth, an officer observed a vehicle make a sharp turn onto the 600 block of East Fifth. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Billy J. Vinzant, 22, Maryville. While speaking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a summons for careless and imprudent driving.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that he had been assaulted in the 100 block of West Third. The case is being referred to the Prosecutor's Office for review.

■ Sara M. Lipira, 20, Maryville, was pulling out of a parking lot in the 300 block of North Munn. Erin L. Blocker, 21, Maryville, was traveling south on North Munn. Lipira struck Blocker.

Nov. 1

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that his car windshield had been damaged while his vehicle was parked in the 300 block of South Main.

■ An officer conducted an alcohol compliance check in the 300 block of North Market. Robert M. Wolfe, 19, Maryville, was issued a summons for minor in possession.

■ While conducting an alcohol compliance check in the 300 block of North Market, an officer observed a male individual give another male individual what appeared to be an alcoholic beverage. Christopher M. Culler, 20, Maryville, was issued a summons for minor in possession. Adam D. Reinking, 22, Maryville,

was issued a summons for supplying alcohol to a minor.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that someone had taken his vehicle while it was parked in the 700 block of North Fillmore.

■ An officer received a report from a business in the 400 block of North Buchanan of an underage drinker. Brian R. Smith, 19, Kansas City, Mo., was issued a summons for minor in possession.

■ An officer had a vehicle towed from the 600 block of North Walnut that was causing a traffic hazard. Boyles Motors towed the vehicle.

■ Tanya S. Wilson, 43, Maryville, was backing out of a private drive in the 600 block of West 16th. Marian E. Loch, 19, Maryville, was westbound in the 600 block of West 16th. Wilson backed into Loch.

■ While conducting an alcohol compliance check in the 300 block of North Main, an officer observed a male individual drink from a cup and then attempt to hide the cup. The individual was identified as Joseph L. Kennedy, 18, Bolckow. He was issued summonses for minor in possession, under 19 in a bar and possession of another person's ID.

■ An officer observed a group of individuals in the 200 block of East Second. One of the individuals passed what appeared to be a beer bottle to another individual. Adam E. Knapp, 20, Maryville, was issued a summons for minor in possession.

■ An officer received a report from a business in the 400 block of North Buchanan of a male individual attempting to use another's ID to enter the business. Ryan L. Claycomb, 19, Bethany, was issued a summons for possession of 35 grams or less marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

■ An officer received a report from a business in the 400 block of North Buchanan of a male individual attempting to use another's ID to enter the business. Jessica D. Hartman, 20, Maryville, was issued a summons for possession of another person's ID.

■ While on patrol in the 400 block of West Fourth, an officer observed a vehicle traveling over the posted speed limit. The vehicle was stopped in the 300 block of North Dunn. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Jamie L. Thomas, 22, Maryville. While

speaking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a summons for exceeding the posted speed limit.

■ While on patrol in the 200 block of North Main, an officer observed a vehicle make an illegal left turn. The vehicle was stopped in the 100 block of West Third. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Thomas D. Kirkland, 25, Maryville. While speaking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a summons for careless and imprudent driving.

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■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that a male individual in the 300 block of North Market had assaulted her.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that a handrail from the front of his house had been taken.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that his cell phone had been lost or stolen in the 1500 block of North Main.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that a lawn ornament had been taken from her yard in the 900 block of South Hester.

■ Vicki L. Birkenholz, 46, Maryville, was making a left turn into a parking lot when she struck a parked vehicle belonging to James K. Price, Ravenwood.

■ James E. King, Butler, was parked in the 200 block of East Sixth. Heidi S. Fuelling, 22, Maryville, was backing from a private drive and struck King's vehicle.

■ Gladys E. Conway, 51, Kansas City, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for motion to revoke

report of an accident that had just occurred. The driver of the striking vehicle was identified as Adam R. Sudman, 22, Maryville. While speaking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a summons for careless and imprudent driving.

■ A Burlington Junction subject reported a theft from property he owns in rural Burlington Junction.

■ Wayland E. Sanders, 54, Quitman, was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a summons for careless and imprudent driving.

■ A Ravenwood subject reported property damage to his vehicle.

Oct. 23

■ A Burlington Junction subject reported a theft from a farm vehicle.

■ A Conception Junction subject reported a theft from his farm.

■ Eric L. Ferry, 18, Clearmont, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for making a false report.

Oct. 24

■ A Maitland subject reported property damage to a business in Skidmore.

■ A Maryville subject reported a theft from his vehicle.

■ A Maryville subject reported property damage to her vehicle.

Oct. 25

■ A Graham subject reported some property stolen from him by deceit.

Oct. 26

■ A Maryville subject reported a theft from his residence.

Oct. 27

■ A Burlington Junction subject reported a burglary to his garage.

■ A Guilford subject reported a burglary to his business in Guilford.

Oct. 28

■ A Skidmore subject reported property damage to his business in Graham.

■ Elma F. Kidder, 65, Clearmont, was arrested for harassment by telephone. She was released on a summons.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Oct. 21

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DEATHS

Elmer Guy Mires

Elmer Guy Mires, 90, Maryville, died Oct. 30 at Beverly Healthcare Center in Maryville.

He was born Aug. 31, 1912, to William and Viola Mires in Elmo.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred; three daughters, Marcella Hayes, Alice Jean Birkenholz and Mary Stanton; two sons, Elmer and Richard; one brother, Hugh; one sister, Celia Schimming; 20 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were Nov. 2 at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Burial was at Miriam Cemetery in Maryville.

Mrs. E. Margaret Hanna

Mrs. E. Margaret Hanna, 107, Maryville, died Oct. 31 at Village Care Center in Maryville.

She was born Jan. 14, 1895, to Cyrus and Mary McMillen in Wilcox.

She is survived by two daughters, Norma Appleman and Alice; one son, Chester; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Services were Nov. 4 at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Burial was at Miriam Cemetery in Maryville.

Ralph V. Luke

Ralph V. Luke, 75, Conception Junction, died Oct. 31 at Heartland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph.

He was born Jan. 22, 1927, to Frank and Regina Luke in Clyde.

He is survived by his wife, Rita; four daughters, Carolyn Holtman, Martha Chapman, Diane Parks and Janice Fitzgerald; three sons, Vincent, John and James; 14 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; five brothers, Gerald, Richard, Alvin, Joe and Marvin; one sister, Vera Mae; seven step-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren; one aunt, Lorena Stoll; many nieces and nephews.

Services were Nov. 4 at St. Columba Catholic Church in Conception Junction. Burial was at St. Columba Cemetery in Conception Junction.

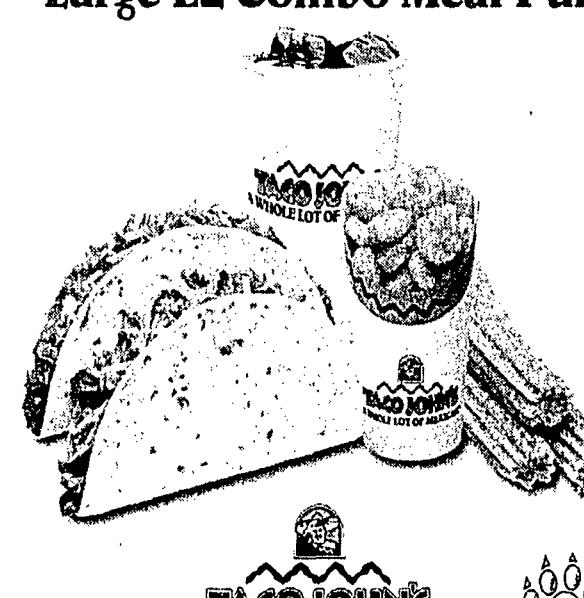
Ronald Eugene White

Ronald Eugene White, 52, Hopkins, died Nov. 1 at his home in Hopkins.

He was born Feb. 7, 1950, to Merle White and Mary Hall in Maryville.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; two sons, Jonathon and Cameron; one daughter, Kaci; two grandchildren, Samantha and Tucker; parents, Merle and Mary; and one sister, Sandy.

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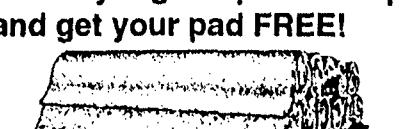
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STADIUM from 1A

Stadium renovation close to completion

dispelled rumors floating around campus. With the temporary seats at Rickenbrode, rumors have spread that Northwest would not be able to play host to a playoff game this season.

"We certainly can host a playoff game," Boerigter said. "First of all, we have only played four games on the field, so it is in excellent condition. We've got between 5,500 and 6,000 seats with the temporary bleachers. There are a lot of schools that have less than that. It does not appear, from my perspective, in terms of what we were required to submit that there's anything that would keep us from hosting that game."

Another game played host to by Northwest was the Arrowhead game against Pittsburg State University. After expenses were paid off, Northwest had a profit of \$120,000. The total revenue generated was \$480,515.

Northwest paid \$50,000 to rent Arrowhead Stadium and total expenses came to \$135,000. Northwest then took \$10,000 for gate receipts since it was technically a home game. Also, the athletic department used \$60,000 to pay off the temporary bleachers, press box and towers.

Boerigter said no decision had been made on what the \$120,000 will go toward. He said it is possible it could all go toward the stadium, or it might go toward the video replay screen the Cats will have next season.

The subject of acquiring the Kansas City Chiefs training camp also was addressed at the meeting. With the Chiefs visiting St. Joseph Tuesday, Boerigter said no date has been set for a visit to Maryville yet.

"I met with them (Chiefs) this past Wednesday and they have indicated to us they would visit our campus," Boerigter said. "They won't be here in the next two weeks, they've been kind of going about one a week. We do expect them to visit here prior to the first of the year."

If Northwest were to land the Chiefs training camp, they would be looking at \$900,000 worth of new donations. The Chiefs would probably want a FieldTurf field and lights, since that would give them flexibility for practice times, Boerigter said.

The FieldTurf field would cost \$650,000 and the lights would cost \$250,000. The infrastructure to put lights in is included in the current construction plans, so the only costs incurred would be the lights themselves.



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Justin Wilmes, 4, entertains himself while his grandmother, Donna Carmicheal, casts her ballot Tuesday. Carmicheal retired from the office of President Recorder of Deeds.

Northwest residence hall computing ranks first in nation

By JESSICA TASLER
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Northwest ranked first in overall satisfaction with residence hall computing, according to a survey done by Education Benchmark.

Last spring, students who lived in the residence halls were given a survey asking them to rate how satisfied they were with computing in the residence halls. Nationally, Northwest ranked No. 2 in overall satisfaction with the residence hall computing system. However, in the Carnegie Class, or class of university Northwest is categorized in, Northwest ranked No. 1.

Northwest was last ranked No. 1 in 1999 and 1998. The survey included more than 200 universities and close to 100 were in Northwest's Carnegie Class.

Jon Rickman, vice president for information systems, said the ranking is partly due to efforts by Computing Services staff.

"This ranking reflects efforts made by staff to keep the system up and operating," Rickman said. "Their goal is to repair all systems within 24 hours through various maintenance procedures. I am very pleased with the results."

Rickman said the students themselves play a large role in their satisfaction level.

"I am always impressed with how students have utilized the computers in the residence halls and especially their ability to use peer support to help each other with the system," he said. "I think it excels here because all the students use the same machines and use the same software. It's a big benefit."

Students who currently reside in the residence halls are finding the same satisfaction. Alison Holmes, sophomore and South Complex resident, said one of the reasons she stayed in

the dorms her second year was because of the computing services Northwest offers in the residence halls.

"I can do everything from checking my e-mail to typing papers late at night in my room," Holmes said. "It is a really convenient system."

Erin Hengel, sophomore and Phillips Hall resident, agrees because of the convenience of a computer in her room.

"It's a lot better than walking to the library to do homework," she said. "It's just good to have."

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Dinner celebrates holiday

By SARAH SWEDBERG
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Chinese Moon Festival will bring together students, faculty and community members for an evening filled with food, games, prizes and a cultural dance.

Yao Young, president of the Chinese Students Association, said the Moon Festival symbolizes a time for family reunions.

"Families get together to celebrate this day," he said. "It's a passed on tradition from generation to generation."

The CSA will sponsor the Chinese Moon Festival Dinner at 7 p.m. Friday at the Conference Center.

Along with the authentic Chinese cuisine, the CSA will showcase Chinese culture through three games and a short performance. Young said he wanted the games to be a surprise for those attending the dinner.

"Some games are very fun," Young said. "Usually you leave the best game for last, because it leaves the guests with a stronger impression of the dinner."

The Chinese Moon Festival dinner will also provide its guests with a short cultural performance, which includes a sword dance.

Young said he hopes a lot of people from the Maryville community will come.

"The purpose of the dinner is to understand the Chinese culture," Young said. "It's to promote diversity and open up people's minds in this smaller community."

Last year's Chinese Moon Festival dinner attracted about 120 students, faculty and community members to the dinner. Young is expecting more than 100 guests.

Tickets for the Chinese Moon Festival are available at Student Services on the first floor of the Administration Building. The cost for children under 12 is \$6, for students \$7 and for adults \$8. For more information call 562-1212.

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OFFENDERS from 1A

Act names offenders

Carol Cowles, assistant vice president of student affairs, recalled the former student.

"A couple years ago we had an issue on campus and when we realized he was on campus we moved him off," she said. "We also contacted the principal at Horace Mann, because our job is not only to protect the residents, but the lab school as well."

The student has since left the University, Cowles said.

"This new law is a huge benefit to the student body," she said. "It's a good idea to have information available, because it's important for everyone to be aware and protective of themselves."

Green said although sex offenders have not been a problem on campus, students should be careful.

"We've always been nervous about what could happen because we have small kids on campus, Academy students, college students and employees and we know we are probably going to have a couple of bad seeds," he said. "With the law though, I think it's part of every student's right to know what is going on and to seek that information that is available to them."

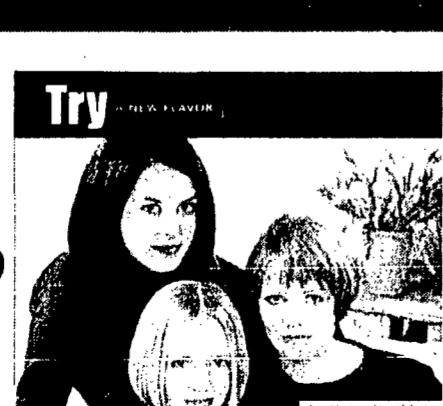
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THE WHOLE STORY

Each morning, while most people hit the snooze button, Hy-Vee bakery employees are hard at work with skilled hands baking and decorating tasty morning treats.

By JILL MUEGGE

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MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The approach of the holiday season means time spent with friends, families, traditions and shopping.

While malls are busy putting up grand Christmas displays, grocery stores are busy stocking their shelves with the peculiar ingredients to make Aunt Susie's candied yams.

Maryville Hy-Vee is no exception. The store keeps busy tracking down seasonal items, but there is another portion of Hy-Vee that must brace itself for the holidays: the bakery.

Before many people awake, bakery employees are up and baking to provide people with freshly made treats for breakfast.

Bakery Manager Bryan Kottwitz is one of the first to arrive at 4:30 a.m. He has been the bakery manager at Hy-Vee for two months and said the position has its ups and downs.

"I hate getting up that early," Kottwitz said. "But I enjoy the challenge; it's very unpredictable."

The first task Kottwitz tackles in the morning is pulling stale bakery items from the shelves. His other re-

sponsibilities include: writing the schedule for bakery employees, taking monthly inventory and ordering needed supplies.

"Two days a week I'm the only baker at Hy-Vee, so I'm responsible for a lot," Kottwitz said. "I bake breads, cookies, pies, muffins and other things."

While Kottwitz is busy baking, Bakery Employee Janie Lent works from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. amidst bowls of chocolate and vanilla frosting and glaze.

Lent uses the mornings to prepare donuts and pastries for deliveries and in-store customers. The donuts themselves are not made in the bakery, rather arrive frozen from a mass supplier. At Hy-Vee they are heated up and frosted with personal touches from Lent. She is able to express her creativity through her decoration.

"You just do it," Lent said. "There's no set way; do what you want to do."

For the past year and one-half Lent has worked at Hy-Vee. After tiring of her job at Eveready, she applied at Hy-Vee and was first given a job in the bakery.

"I love to cook, so it works out good," Lent said.

Although she has only been there for a short amount of time, she enjoys her job greatly, Lent said. She intends to keep working in the bakery in the future.

"With all the training you go

through, you hate to give that up," she said. "It's a new experience and I'm enjoying it."

Lent not only works in the Hy-Vee bakery but she also cashiers four nights a week at 10:30 p.m.

"Working two shifts breaks up the day," she said. "I don't get bored with one thing."

With the holiday season approaching, Lent, Kottwitz and the rest of the bakery team will have no time to get bored. They put in extra hours to adhere to the large demand for baked goods.

Such employees work hard to make the holidays tasty for their families, as well as families around Maryville.

During the holiday season, the bakery, located next to the Hy-Vee pharmacy, sells extra amounts of stuffing bread, pumpkin bread and dinner rolls. A large number of dessert cakes are also made and decorated with red and green frosting for the festive season.

The bakery at Hy-Vee provides local businesses and residents with freshly baked goods year round. Cinnamon raisin bread, banana nut bread, pastries, deli rolls, buns, cakes and donuts are all products of the unique kitchen. Cinnamon raisin bread, along with many other products are made from scratch, while others, such as dessert cakes, come in mixes that need just a few ingredients added.

Massive baking equipment fills the room behind the counter to assist in production. In the corner stands an

enormous mixer used to stir ingredients for baked goods.

A sheeter machine helps properly shape loaves of bread. When a lump of dough is thrown into the top of the machine, it is flattened and rolled between two rollers and comes out on the other side perfectly fit for the baking pans. By adjusting knobs on the sheeter, the rollers can be moved closer together or further apart from each other, making practically any size or shape possible.

Once the loaves are perfectly shaped, they are placed into baking pans. The pans of goods are then stacked on tall, wheeled carts to make transportation of the products more efficient.

Against one wall stands a poof box, an enclosure about the size of a dorm room closet that is constantly set at 105 degrees. The controlled temperature is necessary for the yeast in the products to rise properly. The carts stay in the poof box until the proper poof is achieved.

Next to the poof box is a 7-foot tall walk-in oven. A contraption on the ceiling of the oven hooks to the top of the carts, rotating them and guaranteeing that goods get baked evenly on all sides. Like a conventional oven, it can be set at different temperatures for different foods.

With the large variety and quantity of goods produced in the Hy-Vee bakery, many employees and tools are needed to keep production running smoothly.

DOUGH TO DONE



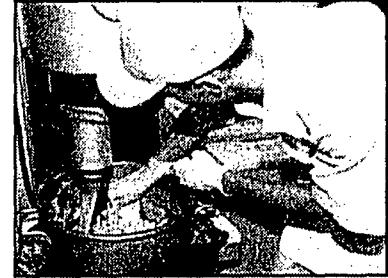
Tom Ecksten, six-year bakery veteran, weighs each ingredient before mixing them together. Without the right amount of ingredients, the dough could be either too stiff or too soft, making the dough hard to shape correctly.



After measuring the flour, yeast and water and counting the eggs, Ecksten places the ingredients in the mixer to blend them together.



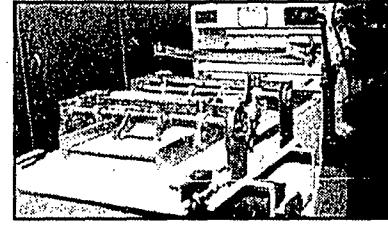
Once those ingredients are mixing, the dough is finally given substance when the flour is added. With all the components of the recipe mixed together, it begins to take shape.



In order to make as much bread as possible, Ecksten uses a scraper to remove dough from the mixer. From there, he takes it to the counter to measure out 1.3-pound lumps for individual loaves.



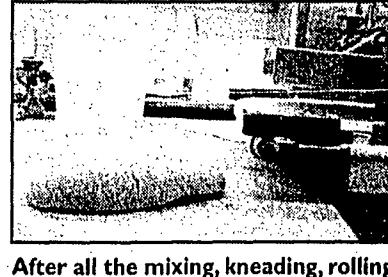
Bakery manager Bryan Kottwitz divides the dough into portions before putting them into the sheeter. To account for the loss of water from baking, the portions weigh slightly more than the end product.



Starting out as lumpy balls, dough then goes into the sheeter machine. Kneading the dough by squishing and pressing, the sheeter forms the dough into the oblong roll shape shoppers are familiar with.



Because so much dough is prepared at once, racks upon racks of baking pans filled with dough are loaded into the oven. Kottwitz said approximately 30 to 40 loaves can be baked at one time.



After all the mixing, kneading, rolling and baking, the bread is ready to be served to waiting customers.

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Imagine crunchy white pretzels, over-stuffed turkeys roasting all day, warm cookies with chunks of chocolate oozing from the center, pumpkin pie and eggnog to wash it all down.

That's right. Christmas is approaching once again and it's time to start thinking about those tasty, jolly treats. Our mouths are already watering and we want your recipes. From easy and fast to new favorites and old traditions - we want them all.

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Hy-Vee bakery employees produce lots of treats for watering Maryville mouths, but just how much dough does it really take to satisfy their hunger?

Hy-Vee's English Muffins:

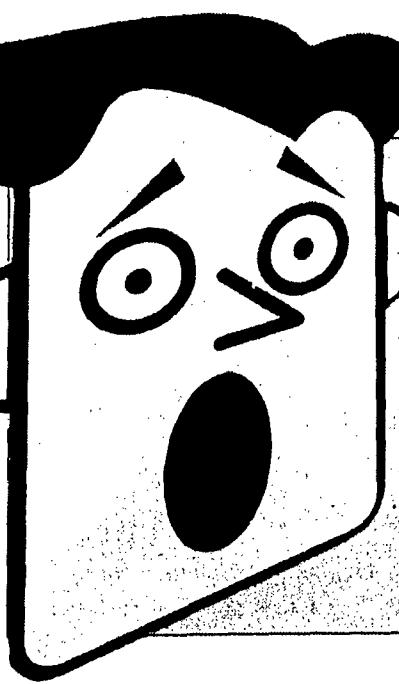
- 4 lbs. muffin mix
- 4 lbs. flour
- 1/2 gallon of water
- 1/2 lb. yeast

Directions:

- Mix ingredients together
- Check dough's consistency
- Keep moist with water
- Place dough in pans
- Put pans in "poof box" (sheeter)
- Bake

So, this recipe might not suit a normal household, but check Hy-Vee's Web site for more practical recipe ideas and holiday tips.

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Sports

Thursday, November 7, 2002



PHOTO BY BILL KNUST/ASSIGNMENT EDITOR

Central Missouri State University running back Kegan Coleman is stopped by Northwest free safety Ryan Miller (left) and linebacker Adam Crowe (right) during the fourth quarter of Saturday's 10-7 victory. Holding the Mules to seven points helped Northwest solidify its spot as the top-ranked defense in the MIAA. They are allowing only 12.3 points per game.

DEFENSIVE STAND

Strong defensive effort gives Bearcats No. 1 rank in MIAA, Midwest region

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

A different feeling swarmed through Rickenbrode Stadium Saturday in the Bearcats' 10-7 win over Central Missouri State University.

Many of the 9,000 fans in attendance at Rickenbrode did not know what to think at halftime when the score between Northwest and CMSU stood at 0-0.

After all, this was a game featuring two of the top offenses in the MIAA. It was a matchup showcasing many players atop the conference in several offensive categories.

However, what Bearcat and Mule fans saw was a battle of two defenses looking to prove they can shut down two high-powered offenses.

"So much was played up about the

offenses and people forgot that both teams are good on defense," head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "I don't think anyone else is going to hold Central to seven points unless it's in really bad weather."

CMSU threatened to break the 0-0 tie seconds before halftime.

The Mules had the ball at the Northwest 14-yard line on third and goal. CMSU senior quarterback Dennis Gile threw a fade pass to senior wide receiver Todd Devoe, but junior cornerback Darryl Ridley made the interception, which would give the Bearcats the momentum heading into halftime.

"The interception he made in the end zone was unbelievable," Tjeerdsma said. "It was a huge play because that was a chip-shot field goal tie to nothing."

After three runs by freshman running back Mitch Herring, which gave the Bearcats a 3-0 lead.



PHOTO BY BILL KNUST/ASSIGNMENT EDITOR

Receiver Mark Stewart celebrates his fourth quarter touchdown.

give the Bearcats a 3-0 lead.

The Mules would be forced to punt the following possession after the Bearcat defense forced a three-and-out.

After three runs by freshman running back Mitch Herring, which gave the Bearcats a first down, senior quarterback John McMenamin found jun-

ior wide receiver Adam Otte for 10 yards and another first down.

The following play, McMenamin found senior wide receiver Mark Stewart for the 51-yard touchdown, giving the Bearcats a 10-0 cushion with 14:16 left in the game.

"I felt that I could get open against their safeties earlier in the game and I felt I was," Stewart said. "It's just a communication thing. Once the play was called I think we kind of knew what each other (McMenamin) was thinking. I just set my guy up and got beat on him."

CMSU would have an answer.

On the ensuing possession, the Mules drove down the field in 15 plays and 69 yards to cut the deficit to three. CMSU running back Kegan Coleman got the call and ran for a 16-yard touchdown.

Northwest would miss a 36-yard field goal on their next possession.

CMSU was given the chance to



MEL TJEERDSMA
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Northwest football feature

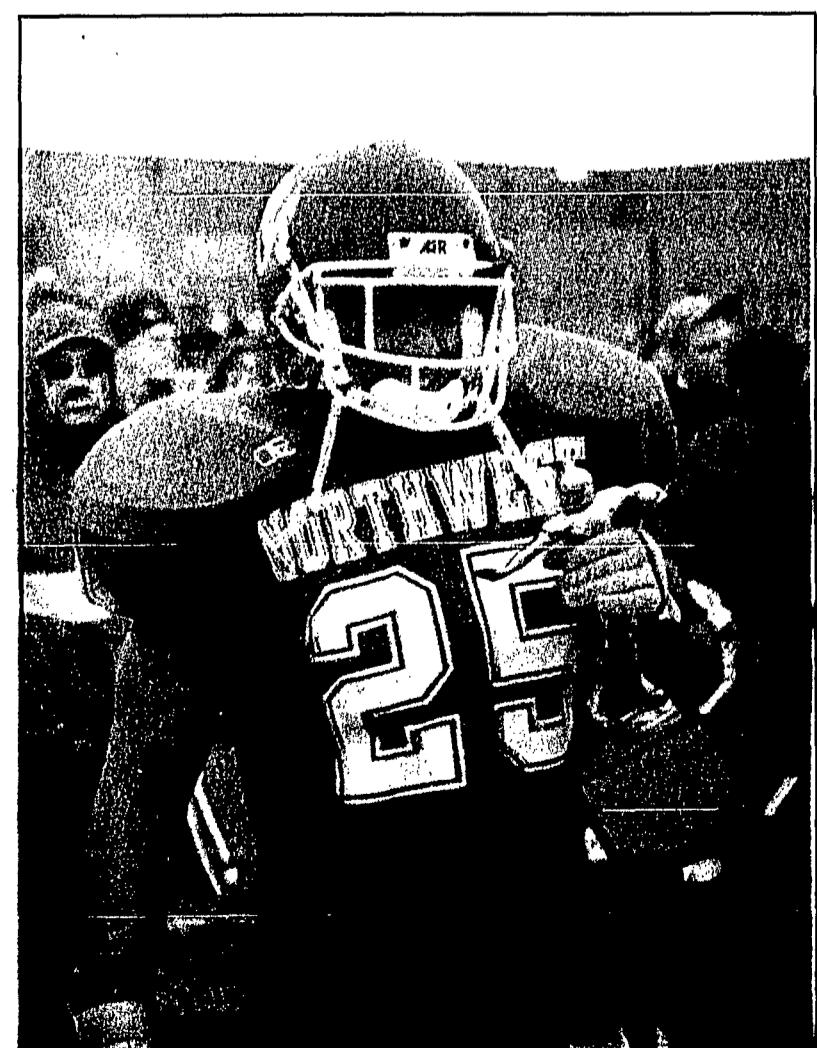


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Northwest junior safety Damienn Chumley holds the Don Black Award in his hand. The award goes to the MVP of the Homecoming game. Chumley won the award by picking off two passes in the fourth quarter in a 10-7 victory.

Strong play helps safety win Don Black Award

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

The Don Black Trophy typically goes to the outstanding Bearcat football player on the offensive side of the ball.

Junior strong safety Damienn Chumley changed that Saturday, becoming the first defensive player since linebacker Dave Sveha in 1990 to win the award, which goes out to the MVP of the Homecoming game.

But, do not get the Oakland, Calif., native wrong. He's glad his team is 8-0 and in control of their own destiny in the MIAA title race.

"It means a lot but not as much as the win," Chumley said.

Chumley played the spoiler role in the Bearcats' 10-7 victory over Central Missouri State University.

With 6 minutes left in the game and the Bearcats up by three, Chumley picked off CMSU quarterback Dennis Gile and returned the pick back to the CMSU 19-yard line.

"I had over top coverage to stop (Todd) Devoe from going deep," Chumley said. "But I read the quarterback's eyes and I knew he was going to break it off when he broke, I broke and I got the interception, luckily."

Minutes later, after senior kicker Eddie Ibarra missed a 22-yard field goal,

Chumley stepped up again, picking off Gile for the second time in the game.

His second interception prevented any hopes CMSU had of winning their second straight game against the Bearcats.

Besides his two interceptions, Chumley would finish the game with seven tackles and two pass deflections.

Chumley has now had three interceptions in two games, but it was not an easy start for the junior. He was silent during the first half of the season, sharing time with junior safety Gabe Middleton.

"He's playing his position well," head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "You got to understand he came in at the start of the school year, so it takes a little while to adjust. It took him a little while, but he's doing a great job."

Chumley played his first two seasons at Los Medanos Community College in California and came to Northwest hoping to make an impact right away.

Chumley said it was difficult at the beginning of the season to adjust to the Northwest defense and the fact he was replacing former Bearcat Tony Sly.

"I was the new guy," he said. "I didn't know the defense and it was hard for me. I struggled and I was frustrated but ever since then I've been proving I can play."

Northwest game preview

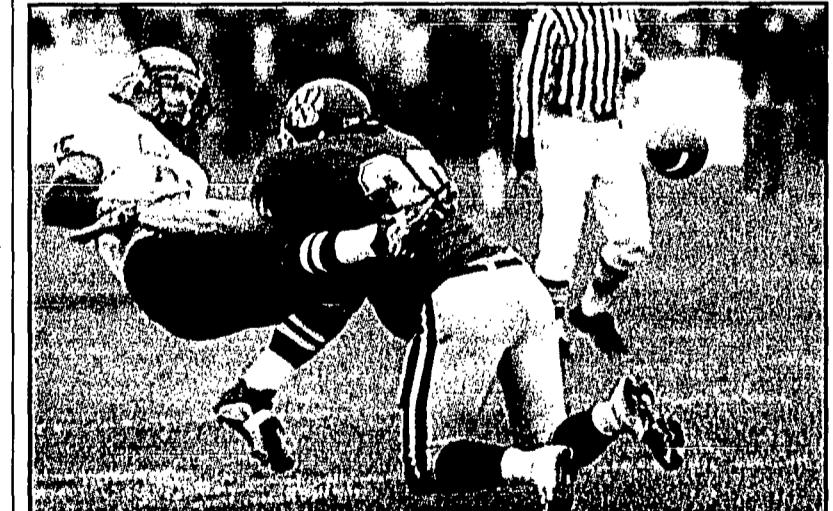


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Northwest linebacker Adam Crowe lays out Central Missouri State University receiver Nate Thomas during the fourth quarter. Crowe also laid out CMSU receiver Todd Devoe.

'Cats ready for Griffons

By COLE YOUNG
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

After pulling out a 10-7 win last week against Central Missouri State University, the Bearcats look to make their third stop on their revenge tour as they travel to Missouri Western State College Saturday.

Last season, the 'Cats fell to the Griffons 37-30 in overtime. While it would appear Northwest is out to avenge last year's loss, that is not necessarily the case.

"It's a big game for us because we

still have everything to play for," head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "If we win this game, we clinch at least a share of the conference championship and if we continue to win, we should be the No. 1 seed in the region. We've all been around here long enough to know how important that is."

Western does not have the same future. With a record of 6-3, the Griffons have no chance of winning the conference and have little chance of

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GAME STATS

SCORE BY QUARTER

Bearcats	0	0	3	7
Mules	0	0	0	7

First quarter

No scoring

Second quarter

No scoring

Third quarter

NW - Ibarra 38 FG, 3:18

Fourth quarter

NW - Stewart 51 pass from McMenamin (Ibarra kick) 14:16

CMSU - Coleman 16 run (Starks kick) 10:23

Total elapsed time - 3:03

Attendance - 9,000

TEAM STATISTICS

	CMSU
26	First downs
36	Rush attempts
82	Net yards rushing
358	Net yards passing
48	Pass attempts
30	Pass completions
440	Total yards
96	Total return yards
2-29	Punts-avg.
3-1	Fumbles-lost
12-117	Penalties-yards
0-0	Sacks by yards
35:05	Time of possession

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing- NW, Herring 28-85, Scaggs 2-6, Shafar 1-3, Team 1- (minus) 1, White 1- (minus) 3, McMenamin 2- (minus) 5, Rector 1- (minus) 7; CMSU, Coleman 21-94, Gile 5-35
Passing- NW, McMenamin 30-47-0 358, Herring 0-1-0 0; CMSU, Gile 14-37-4 146
Receiving- NW, J. Rector 9-102, A. Rector 6-87, J. Otte 4-68, Herring 4-12, Stewart 3-74, A. Otte 2-18, Scaggs 2- (minus) 3; CMSU, Devoe 6-58, Robinson 3-38, Thomas 3-35, Carter 1-12, Coleman 1-3.
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AFCA Division II Top 25

School	Last week
1. Grand Valley State (8-0)	1
2. Valdosta State (9-0)	2
3. Carson-Newman (9-0)	3
4. Northwest (9-0)	4
5. UC Davis (-1)	5
6. Central Washington (10-0)	7
7. Indiana (Pa.) (9-1)	9
8. Northern Colorado (8-1)	11
9. Catwaba (7-1)	10
10. Tuskegee (8-1)	12
11. Central Missouri State (8-1)	6
12. C.W. Post (9-0)	13
13. Nebraska-Kearney (8-1)	14
14. Minnesota-Duluth (9-0)	15
15. Pittsburg State (7-2)	17
16. Saginaw Valley State (7-2)	18
17. Tarleton State (6-2)	20
18. Fayetteville State (N.C.) (8-1)	21
19. Texas A&M Kingsville (6-2)	8
20. Findlay (8-1)	23
21. Bentley (Mass.) (9-0)	22
22. Chadron State (7-2)	25
23. Emporia State University (7-2)	16
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Northwest rivalry feature

Bearcats weigh in on biggest MIAA rival

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

In team sports, it is common for everyone's favorite team to have a heated rivalry with another squad.

Northwest is no exception, but who exactly is the Bearcats' archrival?

"Everybody is our rival because they want to be where we've been," junior cornerback Darryl Ridley said.

Every game is a big game for Northwest when the team must deal with the likes of Truman State University, Pittsburg State University, Central Missouri State University and Missouri Western State College. All those teams can be considered Northwest's rivals.

"We have four rivals this year, those being the games we lost (last season)," senior quarterback John McMenamin said. "You can't really get up for one game then you let yourself get down for another so every opponent is the same opponent."

However, ask senior cornerback Marcel Smith who the Bearcats' rival is and he'll say one team.

"We are our own rival," he said. "The only team that can beat us is ourselves."

No matter the case, the question of Northwest's true archrival remains unclear.

Case for Truman:

The Gorillas have always dominated the Bearcats since their arrival into the MIAA in 1989. That was until head coach Mel Tjeerdsma came to Northwest.

Four years into his tenure at Northwest, Tjeerdsma led the Bearcats to a 15-14 victory over Pittsburg State, the team's first win over the Gorillas in 16 years.

Since that victory in 1997, the Bearcats have not lost to the Gorillas. Since then, each game between the two schools has intensified. The two conference powerhouses met this year at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo. in the Clash of the Champions, adding another edge into the rivalry.

Case for CMSU:

Northwest never had a problem with CMSU since 1994, defeating the Mules handily.

That was until last season. The Mules came back to take a 37-36 win over the Bearcats in Warrensburg. The matchup between the teams heated up again this season when the Bearcats scrapped for a 10-7 victory over the Mules. Both teams were undefeated going into the game and atop the Midwest regional rankings.

Case for Truman:

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Maryville football feature

Hounding defense



Spoofhounds' running game has been key to their 8-1 record this season but it is defense that has team in position to win district title Friday against Chillicothe

By MARK EUSTON
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

As the saying goes, offense wins games, but defense wins championships. The 'Hounds football team hopes this saying proves to be true and their defense can continue to hold teams to under nine points per game as they have for the first part of the season.

This year the defense has been outstanding, forcing fumbles, making interceptions and allowing more than 10 points only once this season.

"The defense is playing with a lot of confidence right now," head coach John Pelzer said. "As the season goes on, each game they seem to get better and better."

The defense has also posted two shutouts on the season, a fact that many of the defensive players are proud of.

"We take a lot of pride in that we have had two shutouts and allow about only eight points per game," defensive back Myles Burnsides said. "We try to go and get a shutout every time we go out there."

While happy with the two shutouts, some players are not completely content with their performance this season.

"We're proud of the shutouts, but we should have four shutouts instead of two," defensive back Adam Welch said.

Welch is referring to games against Benton when the defense gave up only seven and the game last week where the lone score for Savannah came with only 2 minutes left in the game when

Savannah was working with a short field.

This season the defense has also helped out the offense.

"The defense is getting a lot of scores and they are always helping the offense with the field position," Pelzer said.

The only game the 'Hounds' defense struggled was Oct. 4 against Platte County in the Hound Pound. The Pirates posted 28 points on the scoreboard, despite being held to a 7-0 lead heading into halftime.

With two major injuries on offense, running back Bryce Buholt and quarterback Ryan Holman, both out with broken ankles, the defense will need to play well the rest of the season if the 'Hounds' hope to advance in the playoffs.

"They (the defense) will be a huge factor the rest of the season, just as they have been before," Pelzer said.

The secondary has played a key role this year, however, all-state defensive back Derek Garrett gives a lot of credit to the defensive line.

"They have done an incredible job this year, they give the quarterback almost no time to pass and that makes our job a lot easier," Garrett said.

Helping out Garrett in the secondary is 6-foot sophomore Burnsides. Burnsides has stepped up in many key situations for the 'Hounds' this season. He has picked off three passes this season including a key interception in the first half of the game against Platte County.

Welch is part of one of the best secondaries in the MEC conference. His

and Garrett's presence will be missed once the season is over. Both graduate in May.

The leading tackler on the team, Greg Barmann also credits his teammates with the success that he has had.

"The defensive line has done a great job of filling up holes and the middle linebackers have forced a lot of things my way so that I can do my job," Barmann said.

The team has 13 sacks this season. Senior Dylan Hurst leads the team in that category with four. He ranks eighth on the team in tackles.

Another senior, key to the 'Hounds' this season is Mike Barnett. He is third on the team in tackles with 74 this season. One of his biggest games this season was against Lafayette.

With a tough elimination game against Chillicothe next week, the defense will need to continue to play to the level that they have played earlier this year against one of the state's best offenses.

The 'Hounds' have matched up against many solid offenses this season. The team was able to handle the running back tandem of Lafayette's Darryl Hughes and Nate Wilkerson earlier this year.

The Chillicothe Hornets provide a similar rushing attack.

The Hornets have put up 117 points in their first two district games.

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Senior Derek Garrett
Tackles Solo INT Fumble Rec.
46 32 3 1



Senior Dylan Hurst
Tackles Solo Tackles for loss Sacks
46 20 8 4

■ Friday's game between Maryville and the Chillicothe Hornets will start at 7 p.m.
■ Both teams go into the game with 7-1 records. Each team stands at 5-1 in the MEC.
■ Each team's only loss came from Platte County. The Pirates defeated the 'Hounds 28-6 Oct. 4 and the Hornets 36-7 Oct. 18.
■ Last season, Chillicothe defeated Maryville 34-15.

■ The winner of the game will play host to sectionals Nov. 15. Platte County looks to be the favorite to be the opponent.

■ Both teams defeated Cameron and Savannah handily to get to the deciding game.

Chillicothe — Running backs Cody Denton and Jon Lindley. Both players have put up big numbers in district matchups against Savannah and Cameron.

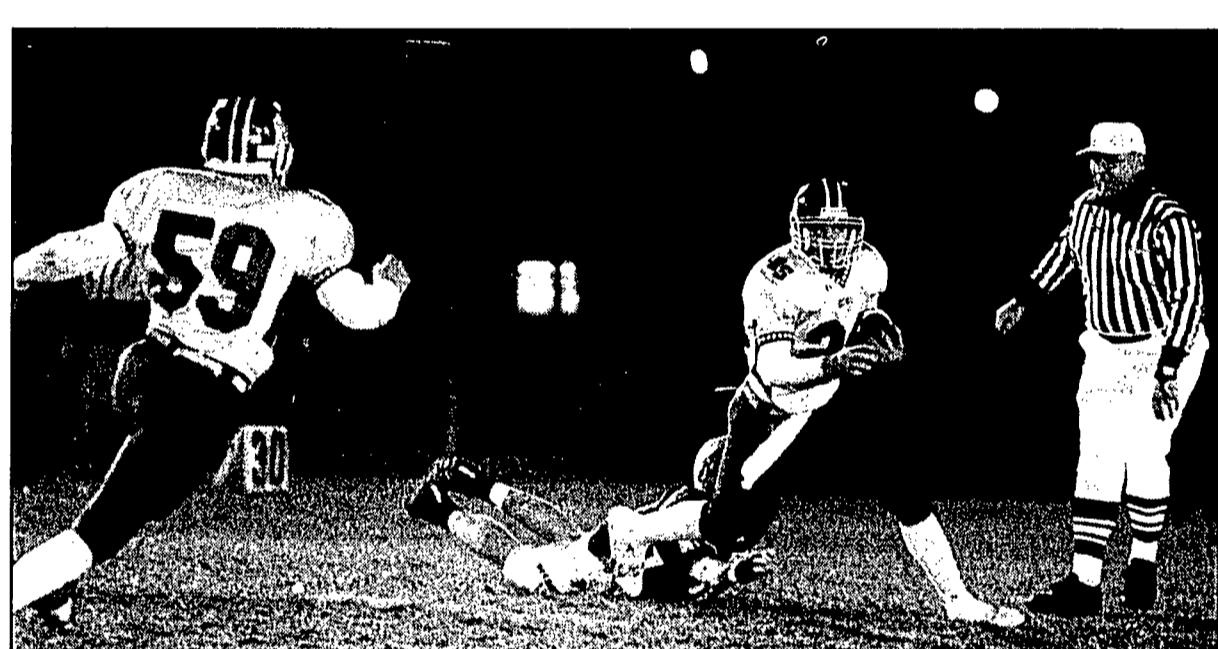
Maryville — Running back Brant Gregg has rushed for more than 100 yards on numerous occasions this season. Freshman Sidney Brisbane has filled in well for injured running back Bryce Buholt. Senior Derek Garrett is a threat defensively and on special teams.

MEC standings heading into district finale

School	Conf.	Overall
Platte County	7-0	9-0
Chillicothe	5-1	8-1
Maryville	5-1	8-1
Lafayette	3-3	3-5
Smithville	2-5	3-6
Cameron	1-5	3-6
Savannah	1-5	2-7
Benton	1-5	1-7

District 16 standings

School	District record	Pts.
Chillicothe	2-0	26
Maryville	2-0	26
Cameron	0-2	-26
Savannah	0-2	-26



Junior running back Brant Gregg eludes a Savannah defender in the 'Hounds' 28-7 victory over the Savannah Savages. Gregg rushed for 81 yards on the night but it was freshman Sidney Brisbane who led the way rushing with 138 yards on 14 carries.

District 16 opponent capsules

Cameron Dragons

Record: 3-6, 1-5 in the MEC
District play: 0-2, lost to Chillicothe 14-5
Up next: Savannah, 7 p.m.
The bottom line: The Dragons have been outscored 97-14 in district play. They play host to Savannah Friday. The winner avoids going winless in District 16 action.

Chillicothe Hornets

Record: 8-1, 5-1 in the MEC
District play: 2-0, defeated Cameron 59-14
Up next: at Maryville, 7 p.m.
The bottom line: The Hornets showed no signs of looking ahead to a matchup with the 'Hounds, putting on an offensive show against Cameron.

Savannah Savages

Record: 2-7, 1-5 in the MEC
District play: 0-2, lost to Maryville 7-28
Up next: at Cameron, 7 p.m.
The bottom line: The Savages have struggled offensively. They avoided a shut-out against the 'Hounds by working with a short field at the end of the game.

Maryville game summary

Spoofhounds rely on ground game in 28-7 victory over Savannah

By MARK EUSTON
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Even with the second string quarterback and the starting running back out of the game, the Maryville Spoofhounds had no trouble defeating Savannah 28-7 Friday night.

The game started off on the right foot when Adam Welch intercepted a Savannah pass and returned it 34 yards for the first score of the game.

"That interception was big because it set the tempo for the entire game," Welch said.

In his first start of his varsity career, junior quarterback Erick Auxier completed only one pass for 10 yards. The junior rushed for a negative two yards on the night.

Though Auxier did struggle throwing the ball in his first start, he did get a rushing touchdown in the third quarter to extend the 'Hounds' lead.

"Eric has been running this offense all year and just did what he has been taught to do," head coach John Pelzer said.

The 'Hounds' did manage 232 yards of total offense. Most of that coming from running backs Sidney Brisbane and Brant Gregg.

The team had a rude awakening in the first half when Derek Garrett

picked off a pass at the Savannah goal line and the ball was placed at the 1-yard line on a controversial spot. The call drew immediate arguments from the 'Hounds' sideline.

"That made us realize that we probably wouldn't be getting any breaks and that we would have to go out there and make things happen," Pelzer said.

The interception also halted a Savannah drive that went deep into Maryville territory.

"The interception was big because it stopped a lot of the momentum that they had gained on that drive and it turned it all around in our favor," Garrett said.

A major blow was dealt to the 'Hounds' when, after repeated warnings for unsportsmanlike conduct were issued, Greg Barmann was ejected from the game.

"Losing Greg is going to hurt us, it takes away our leading tackler and now we don't have an elected captain on the field," Pelzer said.

Barmann was not happy with being ejected from the game.

"It was very frustrating to be thrown out; however, one guy does not make up an entire defense," Barmann said. "The rest of the guys on defense and the guys who

will take my place are going to get the job done."

Pelzer plans to replace Barmann with a rotation of several players during this week's game against Chillicothe.

The team narrowly missed getting their third shutout of the season when, in the fourth quarter they gave up a 35-yard run on fourth and 34 to go. Soon after the long play the Savages would score their only points of the game on a two-yard touchdown run.

"Even though we gave up the touchdown, I was definitely pleased," Pelzer said. "You won't find me complaining about wins, especially when we had some key people missing."

The 'Hounds' face their toughest game of districts this week when they play Chillicothe at home. The team will be missing Barmann and Holman, who broke his ankle two weeks ago. However, starting running back Bryce Buholt could play this week. Buholt, who is listed as questionable, has not played since breaking his ankle in the 'Hounds' lone loss this season to Platte County.

With a win this week, the 'Hounds' will likely face Platte County, winners of 36 games in a row.

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Northwest soccer

'Cats' season ends in defeat

By CASEY HALL
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The Northwest soccer team dropped their last two games of the year over the weekend to Southwest Baptist University and Central Missouri State University to end their season.

The Bearcats played Baptist Saturday and gave them a battle, but could not come up with the victory. Southwest Baptist started the scoring out with two goals in the first 10 minutes of the game.

The Bearcats then rattled off three straight goals when Kapua Cabrerros, Sarah Wallace, and one of Baptist's players knocked the ball into their own goal. Southwest then scored the tying goal to go into halftime tied at three.

The second half opened with a defensive battle until the 66th minute when Baptist scored, then again in the 71st minute. Wallace

scored her second goal of the game in the 78th minute to get the Bearcats closer at 5-4, but the 'Cats could not put the ball in the back of the net again.

"It was a tough game to lose, but we battled hard for the whole game," head coach Joann Wolf said.

On Sunday, the Bearcats traveled to Warrensburg to battle the Jennies of CMSU. The 'Cats lost a 4-0 contest to the Jennies.

It was the eighth time this season the Bearcats had been shut out.

Northwest could not muster any offense against CMSU as the Bearcats could only get five shots off for the whole game compared to 31 by the Jennies.

Freshman goalkeeper Michelle Goold gave up four goals and had 12 saves in net for the Bearcats.

"That was not the way we wanted to finish the year," Wolf said. "We played an improved team

that just managed to get some goals. Our offense didn't help much with not getting enough shots."

The Bearcats end the season with a 3-15 overall record and 2-10 record in the MIAA.

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Final season statistics		
NW	Statistic	Opp.
21-206	Goals-attempts	60-419
.102	Shot pct.	.143
1.2	Goals/game	3.3
11.4	Shots/game	23.3
16	Assists	49
47	Corner kicks	143
0-0	Penalty kicks	2-2
169	Fouls	229

Individual statistic leaders		
Goals:	Fr. Kapua Cabrerros, six	Three players tied with three
Assists:	So. Roxy Okey, four	Jr. Renee Judd, four
Points:	Cabrerros, 15	Sr. Sarah Wallace, eight
Shots:	Cabrerros, 42	Okey, eight
Saves:	Fr. Michelle Goold, 126	Sr. Jennifer Gneskow, 30
	So. Danielle Lawless, 32	

Maryville cross country

Girls advance two runners to state meet in Jefferson City

By JASON MEHRHOFF
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'Hounds cross country runners senior Carol Sutton and sophomore Katie Sudhoff overcame mud and sleet Saturday to earn a trip to the state meet in Jefferson City.

With a time of 23 minutes, 24 seconds, Sutton took second place in the district meet at Platte City, while Sudhoff took 15th place with a time of 25:03.

This will be the first trip to the state competition for Sudhoff, while Sutton makes this her second trip to the meet.

"I was pretty sure that Carol Sutton would go (to state)," head coach Mark Anderson said. "I also thought Katie Sudhoff had a good chance."

The Maryville girls' team, finished fourth out of eight teams behind Smithville, Platte County and St. Pius X, Kasi Hernandez, Winona

Tatum, Jennifer Nun and Kathleen Wilmes finished 32nd, 33rd, 34th and 36th respectively.

"We've had a pretty up and down season," Anderson said. "We ran into some pretty hard competition in our conference and district."

The 'Hounds will change their workouts a little to gear up for the tough state course.

"We have dropped off the mileage and are working on speed to avoid injury," Anderson said. "They (Sutton and Sudhoff) are in good spirits and have a shot at medaling, running against the best the state has to offer."

The 'Hounds will also prepare for the competition Saturday by leaving for Jefferson City a day early to check out the course and see where they could make moves on the field of more than 200 runners.

Anderson said he tries his best to

make sure the team is not nervous about the state meet.

"I try to keep their minds off of it (state)," he said. "Carroll has experience on the course because she has ran it before. I am sure Katie will do well even with the new course."

Sutton and Sudhoff will head to the state meet Friday and compete Saturday at Jefferson City.

Also finishing up the season was the 'Hounds boys' cross country team consisting of Chris Kinman and Camron Hull. Kinman finished in 47th place with a time of 24:10 and Hull finished 51st with a time of 26:48.

"We didn't have much success and we competed against a lot of great competition," Anderson said. "I was very pleased with their effort and they worked hard every day and pushed the girls."

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Maryville soccer

'Hounds, Smithville advance to district final game

By JASON PRICE
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After a disappointing second-place finish in the district tournament last season, the 'Hounds will return to the title game and face conference opponent Smithville.

The 'Hounds will have only one day to prepare a game plan before traveling back to Cameron Thursday and take on the state's sixth-ranked team, the Smithville Warriors.

"Going into it we know you either have to win or go home," head coach Stuart Collins said. "It will be a battle."

The 'Hounds have proved themselves worthy adversaries of the Smithville Warriors, after taking away a victory in the last matchup between the two rivals.

The 'Hounds have been able to dominate their opponents in the district tournament, beginning with the Cameron Dragons.

In the first round of district play Saturday, the 'Hounds were able to blow past Cameron 10-0.

Adam Howell led the scoring escapade by contributing five goals on the night. Others who provided a goal in the contest include Lucas Larson,

Pete Dawson, Dylan Cloefly and Travis Smith.

After Cameron, the 'Hounds were matched with LeBlond Tuesday night and were able to slip by, 3-2.

Senior Lucas Larson provided all of the 'Hounds' goals. Smith and Howell contributed, adding two assists, the third goal was a penalty kick set up by Wes Wooten.

Defensive players John Ensminger and Brian Donnelley also contributed two "incredible" saves in their win-

ning effort, Collins said.

Before heading into the district playoffs, the decision of conference championship was determined by the Platte County/Smithville game.

Smithville was able to defeat Platte County 9-0, causing a three-way tie between Maryville, Smithville and Platte County.

It is the 'Hounds' second consecutive conference title.

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In the Cats 10-7 win over CMSU, the junior picked off two passes in the fourth quarter. He had seven tackles in the game as well as two pass deflections.

Damien Chunley



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The senior has been the Spoofhounds top runner this year on the girls cross country team. She finished second in the district meet and is on her way to the state meet this weekend.



Carol Sutton



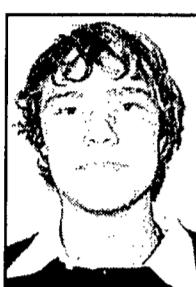
ARMCHAIR QUARTERBACKS

Who is the MVP of the Bearcat football team at this point in the season?



"I haven't been going to the games this year, but I heard all the players were doing good."

Amy Milbourn
EDUCATION MAJOR



"I'm rootin' for Bobby the Bearcat, he's been giving a strong performance all year."

Bobby Cardwell
BROADCASTING MAJOR



"Jamaica (Rector). That's my dog."

Brian Carson
UNDECIDED



"MVP? That's got to be Jamaica. That man has wheels."

Gentry Martin
PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

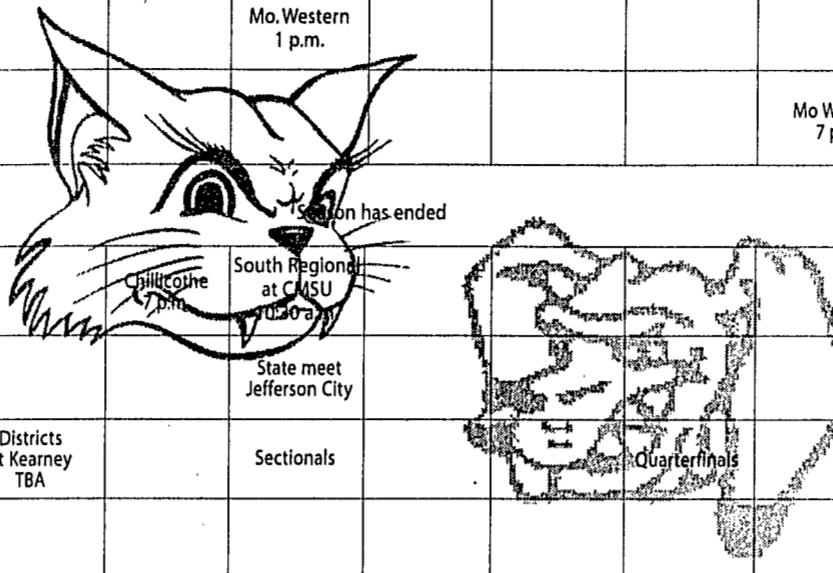
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Northwest volleyball							Mo. Western 7 p.m.
Northwest soccer							
Northwest cross country		Childsboro TBA	South Regional at CMSU 2:40 p.m.				
Maryville football			State meet Jefferson City				
Maryville cross country	Districts at Kearney TBA		Sectionals				Quarterfinals
Maryville boys' soccer							



Northwest introduces new feature

CatTrax mobile messaging becomes latest device to hit campus, athletic department

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
CHIEF REPORTER

Just when it appeared as if Northwest flags, coats and hats would be enough for the avid Bearcat fan, a new company has given people a new way to follow the green and white.

Student Alerts, mobile media company, is introducing CatTrax mobile messaging that will feature game updates and statistics with the press of a button.

The new program will send instant text messages directly to cell phones. Not only that, but they are also in the process of having the fight song and the Bearcat logo added to the current features. The price is currently \$30 for a full year of service and half of the fee will go toward the athletic department.

Andy Seeley, athletic information director, said Student Alerts wanted Northwest to join its program.

"They wanted to pilot different schools including major colleges,

Division II schools and even high schools and they picked us," Seeley said. "We're the guinea pigs but we decided to do it and it's similar to things we're already doing. It's going to be another way to give parents, fans and alumni information if they're not by a computer."

Rob Sweeney, president and co-founder of Student Alerts, said they developed the program for several reasons.

"We recognized the need to market where wireless technology can be a new channel and we gave schools the ability to use this," Sweeney said. "We wanted to enable them to receive and give this information and it gives the athletic department the opportunity to send out the information so other people can use it."

One group of people the athletic department is targeting is alumni.

"We hope it will take off and campus activities and alumni can use it," Seeley said. "That's something we can take advantage of."

Even though the service is brand

new, different media outlets have been covering the new developments.

The St. Joseph News-Press, KNIM, Northwest This Week and the Northwest Alumni Magazine have all covered it in their respective publications.

Northwest is the first school to implement the service Sweeney said. A large Kansas City, Mo. high school and a major university in Alabama have shown interest in the new program.

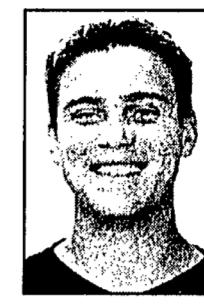
Northwest is only 30 days away from offering the Bearcat fight song to be digitized into the ring of the phone. At the same time, a person will be able to download the Northwest logo onto the phone.

Seeley said CatTrax is a good program.

"The subscription is reasonable and I think it's real important because not only are they getting a good service, but they're also helping out the University," Seeley said.

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Pressure lies on 'Hounds' head coach in key game



BILL KNUST
ASSIGNMENT EDITOR

ricific. Their quarterback, Michael Cooper, is one of the most overrated players in the MIAA.

It's easy to have a four-game winning streak against Southwest Baptist University, Washburn University, Missouri Southern State College and the University of Missouri-Rolla.

It may take a couple of quarters to figure out Western's stingy defense, but I think the 'Cats' offense will roll in the end. Both Rectors and Mitch Herling have big days and the 'Cats will take this one 35-10.

How the mighty have fallen

As a Husker fan I figured that Nebraska was immune to a slump in football. How wrong I was. Last week's loss to Texas gave me hope though.

The Huskers were playing hard again and moved the ball with success against a good 'Horns' defense. Quarterback Jamal Lord rushed for more than 230 yards in the loss. If he can improve his passing next year, a big if, there is no reason the Huskers can't contend for a Big 12 North title, and have a prayer at the Big 12 Championship.

Oh wait, the Huskers cannot play defense. Sorry, I try to block Craig Bohl's "Pink Skirts" from my memory. Where Husker teams in the past thrived on halftime adjustments, this defense fails in that area. The Texas and Oklahoma State losses are perfect examples.

Bohl needs to go. He does not fit the Husker mentality and fails to communicate effectively with players. It seems like every week a player is coming to his aid with some excuse, but I am tired of excuses. Send him packing and bring someone in that can put the athletes on the field and make halftime adjustments.

A few quick predictions before I finish this week: Nebraska 21 – Kansas 0, Colorado 38 – Iowa St. 35, Miami 28 – Tennessee 17, San Francisco 49ers 35 – Kansas City Chiefs 31 and Oakland Raiders 21 – Denver Broncos 17.

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Candidates lack ethics in ads

No parade could be complete without the swarm of political piranhas inundating the crowd with flyers, buttons and insincere handshakes.

Saturday's Northwest Homecoming parade was no exception.

Sprinkled in between the marching bands, Greek floats and campus organizations were desperate political candidates in search of a vote days before people took to the ballot booths. Some politicians traveled with armies of followers weaving in and out of crowds. Other candidates attempted to shake the hand of every man, woman and child on the parade route. What really irks me is not the presence of these candidates, but the two-faced campaigns they ran.

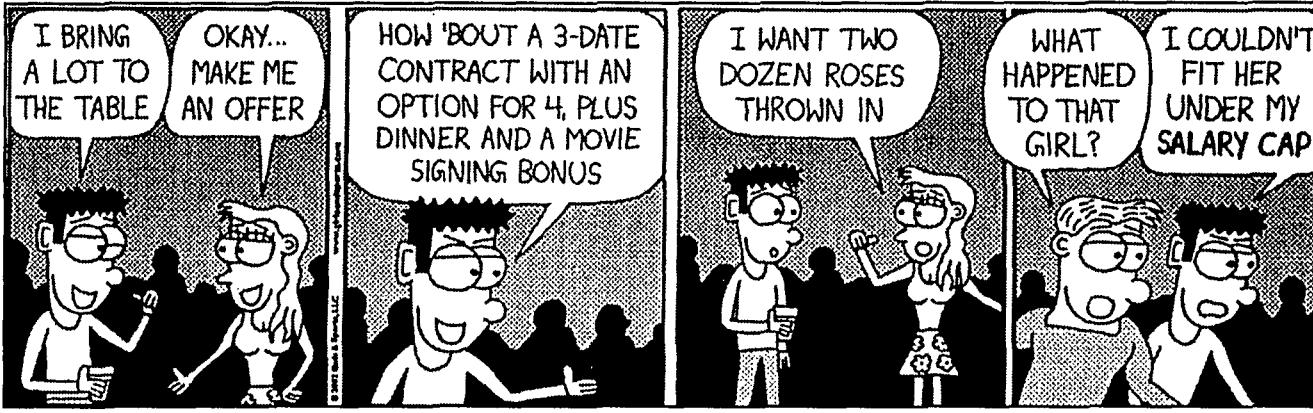
This year, the campaign trail was hot with fresh Missouri mud slinging. With all of my time here in Maryville, I can't remember a year where the tossing of hog farm by-product was as bad as it was this year: radio ads, television ads, mass mailings, all in poor taste.

I'd expect the methods these candidates used from a national campaign. But even the person running for the smallest office pulled out all the tricks.

With the mess of information and disinformation it was difficult for voters to decipher just who they should elect. Many candidates accused each other of not voting on certain legislation.

Girls & Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



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Yet candidates expect us to smile, gladly shake their hands and put our children in their arms for another PR photo when we don't even know them.

We're supposed to thank them for being in our parade when the smile they wear is as cheap as a \$2 hooker. And we're supposed to vote for them because unlike their opponent, they don't eat small children, they don't beat senior citizens and they only sell pot, which isn't nearly as bad as selling crack.

If politicians want people to vote, they'll have to run their next campaign a little differently. They might have to actually tell and show people who they really are. They'll have to stop running negative ads.

They'll have to balance what politicians normally do on the campaign trail and what they know they should do. Only then will voter turnout even be given the opportunity to grow.

Standing on Fourth Street Saturday, with a Senate flyer in one hand, the cold sweaty hand of a nervous candidate in the other, a congressional bumper sticker on my chest and a local Maryville office button on my sleeve, I wondered who to vote for. My vote goes to none of them.

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